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**LAST BRITISH RULER LEAVES**

Tokyo, June 21. Lt.-Gen. H. C. H. Robertson, Commanding General, BCOF, Japan, arrived in Tokyo this morning by air from England, and flatly denied the "Sydney Sun" dispatch saying that he reversed an order by Gen. Douglas MacArthur to arm all BCOF planes for wartime emergency.

"I never heard of the story," Gen. Robertson told the United Press.

According to the Sydney Sun's Tokyo correspondent, Gen. MacArthur's order was issued in March and complied with by the Acting BCOF Commander, Air Chief Marshal P. J. McCauley. When Gen. Robertson returned in April, the Sun dispatch said, he ordered arms and ammunition to be removed from the planes.

It is generally known that the Far East air force planes for some time have been flying training and intercept patrols equipped with guns and live ammunition.

Asked if the Sun story was "out of the whole cloth," Gen. Robertson replied: "Yes."

He pointed out that the only other "relevant" fact on the matter was a SCAP order which states: "Arms and ammunition carried by the British forces is a matter for the Commander-in-Chief of the British Commonwealth Occupation Forces to decide."—United Press.

New Delhi, June 21. Lord Mountbatten retired as Governor-General today and free India's self-rule by her own people became complete.

Oriental splendour and western pageantry blended as elder statesman Chakravarti Rajagopalachari took the oath as Mountbatten's successor, becoming the first Indian ever to hold this important post.

A slender figure in white homespun national garb, Rajagopalachari stood against a background of rich red velvet drapery embroidered in gold and swore to perform the duties of his new office.

He then delivered a message to the people declaring that "what disturbs the peace of India is international discord... and it is utter folly."

Lord Mountbatten, with Lady Mountbatten and their daughter Pamela, left India by air this morning on their way home from India.

They were seen off by Pandit Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, and Mr. Rajagopalachari, Governor-General designate.

Mountbatten, who will see the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, shortly after his arrival in Britain on Wednesday, authoritative quarters tonight expected.

## MALAN NEEDS A POPULAR BUDGET

Johannesburg, June 21. Consideration of the budget will be one of the first tasks of the new South African Parliament when it assembles on August 6.

Its first meeting has been delayed until this date to enable Mr. N. C. Havenga, the Minister of Finance, to prepare a new draft of what the Government considers essential at this stage—a first popular budget.

In his task, he will be helped by a surplus of £55,000,000 left by the United Party Government.

The draft which Mr. Havenga's predecessor, Mr. F. G. Sturrock, intended to introduce in August, is likely to be considerably changed, according to the political correspondent of the "Rand Daily Mail." But Mr. Havenga is expected to implement the savings given by the United Government that old age and other pensions will be increased at a total cost of £2,500,000.

Other matters include a plan for the repositioning of import control, the Union's decreased gold reserves, and the urgent need to develop the country's limited dollar holdings to the acquisition of essential imports.

The general consensus of opinion here is that the first session of the new Parliament will be short—probably only about 10 weeks, during which legislation of an immediate urgency will be dealt with.

Other business will probably include a bill, drawn up by the United Party Government, for the control of the Union's uranium resources.

**Double Nationality**

The Government may also decide to proceed with a bill concerning double nationality on citizens of the Commonwealth, similar to the proposals laid before the British Parliament.

A highly controversial matter expected to be dealt with by the new Government during the coming session will be the status of the Afrikaner Broederbond—members of which are banned from public service under the existing emergency regulations.

The Transvaal Nationalist newspaper, Die Transvaler, declares that something will have to be done about these regulations, and says some of them will have to be incorporated as permanent legislation with others, such as those banning membership of the Broederbond and the Ossewabrandwag will have to lapse.

In addition to putting into effect measures to slow up the present rate of immigration into the Union, Dr. T. E. Donges, the Minister of the Interior and of Posts and Telegraphs, is expected to go into the question of implementing the Broadcasting Commission's report laid on the table at the end of the last session of Parliament.—Reuter.

## REINFORCEMENT FOR KAIFENG

Nanking, June 21. The Nationalists were still defending the "core" of Communist-occupied Kaifeng, according to a military spokesman, while the Government First Army (described as mechanized troops in a military communiqué) reached the southern suburb, and the Government 18th Army reached the western suburb.

General Ho Ying-chin reported in a Kuomintang meeting that Kaifeng's situation would be "improved," if Government reinforcements could reach the city, "within five days."

The military news agency said three columns of Red forces in West Shantung's Hotei area marched on Lanfeng, 20 miles east of Kaifeng. Government bombers pounded the advancing Reds with 250-pound bombs, the agency reported.—Associated Press.

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## PICTURE OF THE DAY HANDS OF FATE



Jean Barthe, young and promising Paris milliner, an existentialist herself, designed this hat portraying the gripping hands of fate. Enveloped in a cloud of mauve tulle, the rose satin hands are adorned with balloon-shaped diamond ring and bracelet.

## OPIUM SMOKING AT HOME QUITE LEGAL

Smoking opium in one's own home is not prohibited in Hong Kong, provided a person could do so without opium or an opium pipe. This seemingly ludicrous situation was pointed out to Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday when he quashed a sentence of seven days' hard labour passed on Lau Fuk (47) earlier in the morning.

Lau pleaded guilty to the charges of smoking opium and possession of an opium pipe in a demolished house at Yu Chau Street at 1.15 a.m. on Sunday. He was fined \$25 or seven days on the smoking count and cautioned on the pipe possession charge.

Later in the morning, the Magistrate had the accused brought back into Court. Addressing the prosecuting officer, Mr. Blair-Kerr said that accused should not have been convicted as, on referring to the Ordinance, the Court could not find any mention of smoking in one's own home.

Defendant, continued the Magistrate, was arrested inside the demolished house, smoking by himself. He was found in possession of only one pipe and a small quantity of opium dross. That did not constitute smoking in a dross as, according to the Ordinance, there must be two or more smokers and a charge must be made before a place could be called a dross.

(An officer of the Revenue Department told the "China Mail" that the situation doubtless arose out of an oversight when the Ordinance was amended in 1945. Prior to the war, smoking of Government opium was permitted and so the word "opium" was left out of the sub-section governing smoking of heroin. It was added on only to those governing possession of the drug and pipes after opium smoking had been prohibited under the Geneva Conference.)

## CCOC Appeal To London For Stay

Government's action in passing the Debt-Creditor Ordinance over the head of Chinese opposition, was condemned in no uncertain terms at a joint meeting of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

In a stormy two-hour session, speakers complained that Government was most unfair in legislating on this important issue without first consulting the wishes of the people most directly affected, and in failing to accede to strong representations made for the issue to be thrashed out in Court.

The meeting decided to send a telegraphic appeal to London to stay the implementation of the Ordinance pending consideration of representations to be made by the Chamber to the Home Government for a review of the whole matter and also for a possible appeal to the Courts for a judicial ruling on the validity of the ven. payments.

Legal formalities would be entrusted to Mr. Percy Chen, barrister-at-law engaged by the Chamber to fight the issue.

The meeting also decided to call for monetary subscriptions to build up a fund for fighting the issue to a finish.

Representatives of the Kowloon Chinese Chamber of Commerce were also in attendance.

## Dock Strike Spreads

London, June 21. Thousands of cold storage workers joined the London dock strike today, boosting to more than 18,000 the number of idle men in the weekend strike—hereafter confined to dock workers who remove a ship's cargo to warehouses.

Two hundred ships are in dock or at anchor awaiting unloading and more are due today.

Dock strikers in meetings at a dozen piers shouted down union officials who tried to persuade them to go back to work.—United Press.

## CHINA IS GETTING ARMS FROM EUROPE

China is purchasing arms and ammunition from European countries in addition to obtaining similar supplies from Canada and America, the "China Mail" learned from authoritative sources yesterday.

One of the latest shipments to pass through Hong Kong recently came from Belgium. It was a comparatively small amount—200 tons of small arms ammunition.

The ammunition was bought from the Fabrique Nationale d'Armes de Guerre, Herstal, Belgium, by the Kwangtung Provincial Government.

Transshipment of the ammunition from Hong Kong to Canton was undertaken by Messrs. L. London and Co. (H.K.) Ltd., one of the biggest French firms in the Colony.

## TWO YEARS OF LUZON WARFARE ENDS

### QUIRINO PROCLAIMS AMNESTY FOR HUKS

Manila, June 21. President Quirino tonight proclaimed amnesty for the Hukbalahaps after Luis Taruc, leader of the armed peasants, voluntarily had surrendered.

Taruc and his estimated 50,000 followers were given 20 days to surrender their arms.

Quirino and Taruc shook hands after the amnesty proclamation was signed—ending almost two years of fighting in Central Luzon.

Quirino said he is "greatly hopeful that in the peace to follow, a programme of social amelioration for the masses of this country can be put into effect."

Taruc had flown in only six hours earlier and made a surprise surrender to Quirino personally. His arrival ended weeks of negotiations.

The proclamation, which included the National Peasants Union, was signed in the presence of Taruc, who pledged loyalty to the Government and with seven associates submitted token arms.

His followers will be given 20 days following concurrence of the amnesty by the Philippine Congress to lay down arms and receive official forgiveness of the Government.

The proclamation is being sent to Congress tonight and ratification is expected by tomorrow. Both Senate and House leaders have pledged speedy action on the amnesty question.

**No Arrest**

The Amnesty provides that the Government forego prosecution of crimes of rebellion, sedition, illegal association, assault upon or resistance to persons in authority and illegal possession of firearms. It did not cover crimes of murder or rape.

As a face-saving gesture to the dissidents, the proclamation avoided all reference to words as unconditional surrender and technical arrest.

The proclamation said the principal leaders and many members "who heretofore have lived beyond the pale of law, have voluntarily presented themselves with their arms and ammunition to agents of law."

The proclamation said: "Return of these dissidents and recalcitrant elements of our population to their homes and resumption by them of their lawful pursuits or occupations as loyal and law-abiding citizens, will accelerate the rehabilitation of this war-devastated country and restore the peace and order and security, welfare and happiness of other communities."—Associated Press.

## Hong Kong Loopholes

Nanking, June 21. The official Central Daily News, quoting responsible government sources, today said that China is not considering any demand for a possible change in the present status of Hong Kong in an attempt to halt the flight of capital from coastal cities, as suggested recently by an American report.

The paper said that it was admitted in Chinese official quarters, however: "Hong Kong does provide certain loopholes in China's economic system" and that the Chinese Government was planning "effective action" to remedy the situation.

But as far as a change in the status of the colony is concerned, it is said that the Government has not given any consideration to it.—Reuter-AAP.

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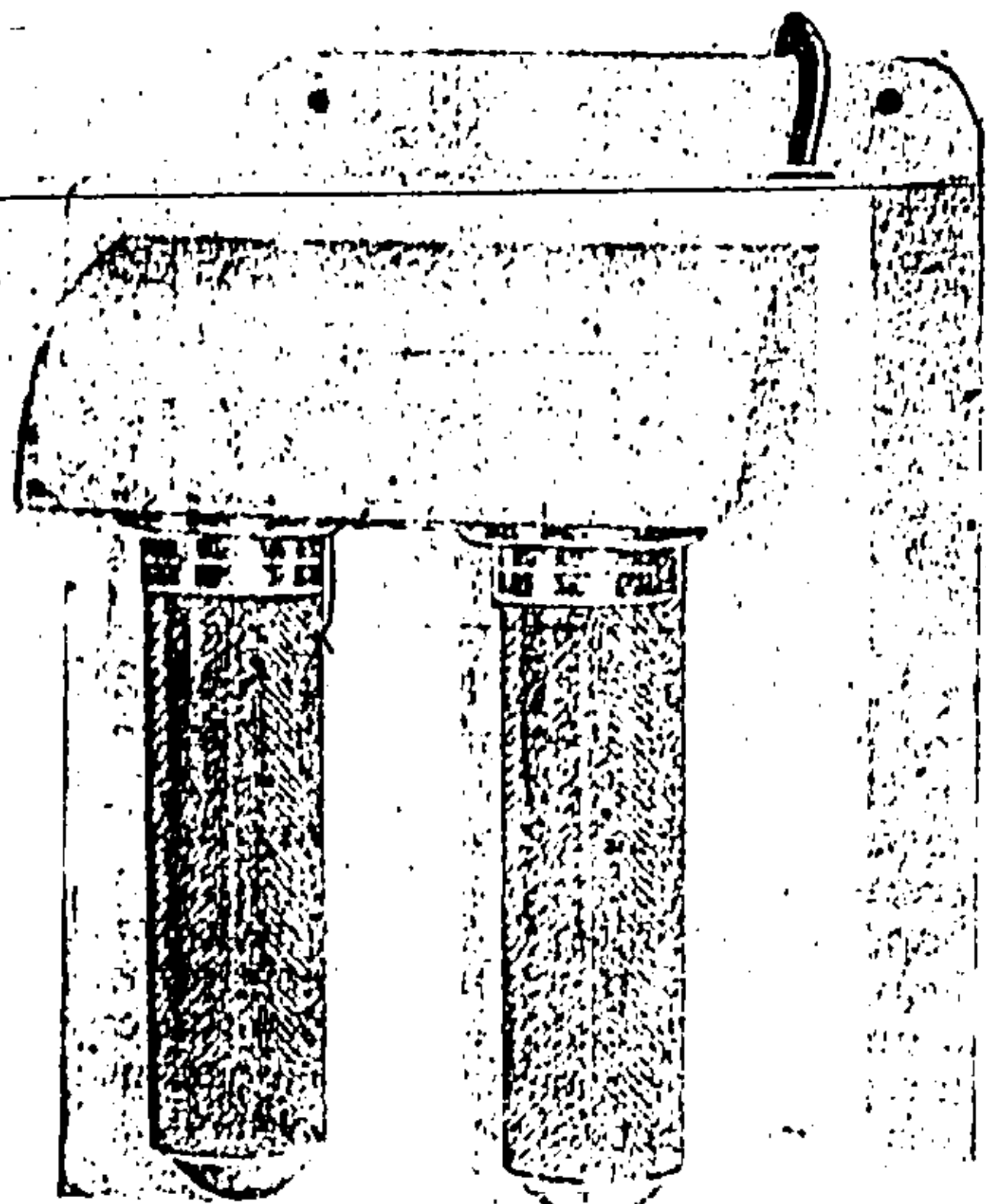
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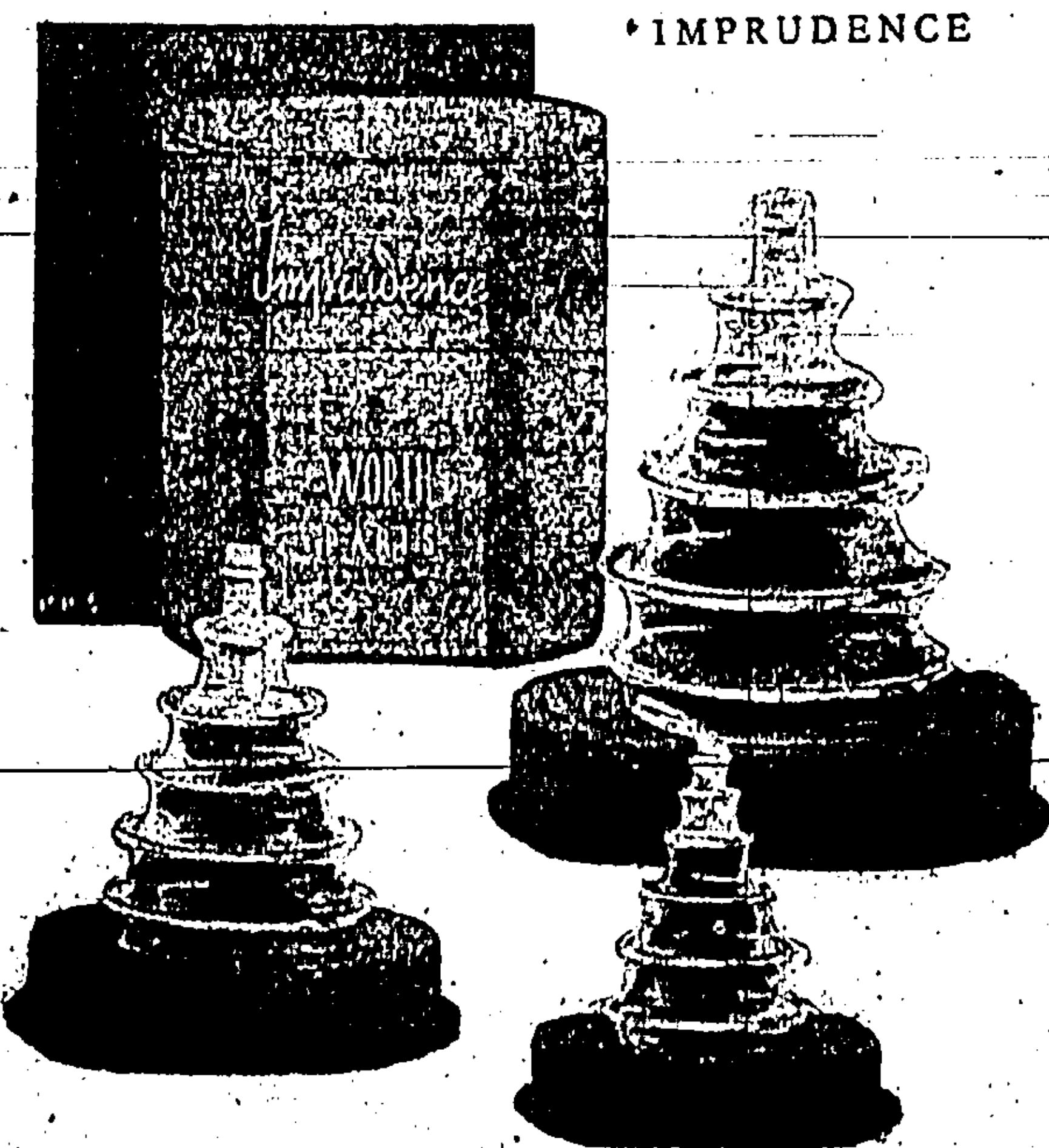
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## GUILTY OF ROBBERY CHARGES

### UNEMPLOYED SENTENCED

Found guilty by a jury at the Criminal Sessions yesterday on charges of robbery by two or more and possession of arms, Lau Lun, unemployed, was sentenced by Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Puisne Judge), to ten years' hard labour and 12 strokes of the cane. Lau had two previous convictions.

The case for the prosecution was conducted by Mr. A. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Insp. S. Roberts.

Outlining the case for the Crown, Mr. Lonsdale said that in the early hours of Apr. 23, the complainant, Tsang Fai, carpenter, was returning home in a rickshaw. The night was very wet and the canvas at the front of the rickshaw had been lowered.

At the junction of Prince Edward Road and Tong Mei Road, the rickshaw was stopped by a man who was holding a revolver. There were also two other men standing nearby. The rickshaw driver was asked to get away by the robbers. A wrist watch was taken from Tsang, who was told to remain silent or be killed. After they had taken the watch, the robbers went away.

Tsang returned to his home, which was close by, for a few minutes. He then went to the Police Station and made a report of the incident. A party of Police Officers were sent to the scene of the robbery.

### Took To His Heels

One of the policemen, who was chasing an alley in Tong Mei Road, saw somebody at the entrance. The policeman immediately called upon the man to stop, but he took to his heels. The policeman gave chase and eventually arrested the man, who turned out to be the accused. When questioned by the policeman, he admitted that he intended to steal. He was accordingly arrested and taken to the Police Station.

The next day, a report was made to the Police by a painter regarding the presence of a revolver in the alley near Tong Mei Road. When the police went to the place indicated, they found a revolver in the gutter covered with rubbish. A short distance away from the place where the accused had been arrested, it was the submission of the Crown that this revolver had been thrown away by the accused in the course of his flight.

After evidence by Crown witnesses, accused, giving evidence on his own behalf, admitted that he intended to steal a piece of canvas in the alley. He denied the charges and claimed that it was a case of mistaken identity.

## Concubinage Legal In Hong Kong By 1841 Ordinance

Sobbing throughout the time she was cross-examined by Mr. A. J. Clifford, 16-year-old Wong Nui repeated over and over again that as a result of her betrayal by Yiu Po she was forced to make her living as a prostitute. When asked by defence counsel at Kowloon yesterday whether it was true that the present action was brought through her vanity being wounded by Yiu Po's refusing to take her as a concubine, the girl exclaimed: "If he did not want me, why did he live with me at the Sun Sun Hotel and the house?"

Told by Mr. Clifford (and the Magistrate) that she was there to answer questions and not to put them to the defence, the witness said, "He can say anything he likes."

Prior to Wong Nui going to the witness box, Mr. P. L. Lam gave expert evidence on Chinese Marriage Laws in the case in which Yiu Po (38), manager of the Good Earth Co., 171 Sai Young Choi Street, is charged with carnal knowledge of Wong Nui at the Sun Sun Hotel and at 30 Nialah Road, first floor.

With Yiu appeared Wong Sze (48), concubine, and Li Ying alias Ho Koo (42) widow, on the count of procuring. Both are being defended by Mr. A. S. K. Lau.

Mr. A. C. Tribble, Acting Asst. Social Welfare Officer, prosecuted, and Mr. A. J. Clifford, instructed by Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ, for Yiu Po.

In his testimony, Mr. Lam said that he was admitted as an attorney-at-law by the Chinese Government in 1935 and practised in Canton and Kwangsi for three years.

### Concubinage Recognised

Concubinage, he said, was recognised by the British Government in Hong Kong by the Proclamation of Capt. Elliot on Feb. 1, 1841.

According to the old Laws of China, concubinage was regarded as a secondary marriage and women in that state "acquire the status of a concubine" when "there was the intention of permanent co-habitation and an intention to have her as a member of the husband's family. There must be a relationship between the couple analogous to that between husband and wife. In law there is no provision prescribing any type of ceremony."

Witness agreed with Mr. Clifford that the acquiring of house and furniture was one of the ways of proving permanency. There was nothing said in the laws regarding the age of a concubine, but a minor (that is, one under 16 years, old reckoning) would have to obtain the consent of his or her guardian. A concubine, continued witness, could leave the husband any time she wanted to, without resorting to legal proceedings. A man, however, could not get rid of his concubine without resorting to law and then only on the ground of misconduct.

### Forms Of Marriage

After witness had given a full description of the various forms of marriage and definitions of "guardian," according to the old and new laws of China, Mr. Tribble informed the Magistrate, Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr, that Mr. A. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, would cross-examine Mr. Lam at a later stage. This, immediately, was strongly objected to by both Mr. Clifford and Mr. Lam on the grounds that the Crown had ample time to prepare their case and should be prepared with the cross-examination. After a short adjournment, it was decided to postpone the cross-examination of Mr. Lam by Mr. Lonsdale until 9 a.m. on Saturday.

In reply to Mr. Lam, witness said that it was not illegal for any person to procure the taking of a concubine by another person, as that person would be acting in the capacity of a go-between.

Wong Nui burst into tears when asked by Mr. Clifford whether she remembered giving evidence in the Central Court on May 11, when Cheung Mee-yung was charged with soliciting for an immoral purpose. After a few minutes she admitted that she then gave her age as 20, but stated that she did it by mistake. Questioned regarding the case in the Central Court, witness said that she became a prostitute because she had been betrayed by her first defendant. She tried to obtain work after she had been thrown out by Yiu, she said, but failed to get any employment.

After staying a short time, with some "sisters," she met Cheung Mee-yung, became friendly, and lived with her.

She did not consider that Cheung did her any injury although that woman used her as a prostitute and made her living on witness's earnings. Asked why, witness repeated that she had become a prostitute because she had been injured by Yiu.

### Returned To Country

Replying to further questions, Wong said that the only witness of her association with Yiu was the man, but the latter had gone back to the country when she went to look for her.

During the course of her cross-examination, witness was rebuffed several times by the Magistrate and counsel for refusing to answer questions. Mr. Clifford also reminded her that she was there to answer questions and not to "play to the gallery" by turning dramatically to the large number of spectators in Court and raising her voice.

Seven members of the Women's Council were in Court during the whole of the afternoon's hearing.

## Absent From Jury: Fined

Mr. N. Wallem of Messrs. Wallem and Co., who failed to answer to his name when called for Jury Service at the Criminal Sessions yesterday morning, was fined \$55 when he later appeared before Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Puisne Judge).

Mr. Wallem said that he had made a note of the matter, but it slipped his memory.

When inquiring the fine on Mr. Wallem, Mr. Justice Gould said that if he allowed Mr. Wallem to do without a fine, he would have to do likewise in the case of other jurors who failed to arrive.

## PREFERRED JAIL TO \$20 FINE

An elderly Chinese woman decided to go to gaol for 20 days rather than pay a fine of \$20 when she was convicted of begging before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

## Curiosity Costs \$150

Curiosity cost Ng Kwok (25), a coolie, \$150 or six weeks' hard labour when he appeared before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

According to Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth, Ng was one of several coolies on board lorry 5024, driven by Ip Lun on June 19.

When Ip stopped the vehicle outside 170 Yee Kuek Street and went inside to telephone to his garage, Ng got into the driver's cab and switched on the ignition key out of curiosity.

The lorry shot forward and mounted the pavement six or seven houses away, damaging a drainpipe. Ng was arrested by PC-607 and charged with driving the lorry without a licence and without the owner's permission.

### EVADED BUS FARE

For failing to pay his bus fare, Lam Yun-chun was fined \$20 or 10 days by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

It was alleged by the prosecution that when the conductor asked defendant for his fare, he replied that he was working as a boy for the detectives.

## DIAMOND DEFRAUD CHARGE

### PROSECUTION EVIDENCE

Further evidence for the prosecution was given at Central yesterday when Tong Wing On, Lo Wing Wai and Pang Man Wai were charged with conspiring to obtain a diamond by false pretences from Sennet Freres, Pedder Street.

Defendants are represented by Mr. d'Almada Remedios, Charles Lesoby, and Marcus A. da Silva respectively.

Inspector T. Cashman is in charge of the case. Defendants are alleged to have conspired together on or about January 19 to obtain by false pretences a diamond from Sennet Freres valued at \$9,750.

A further charge, of obtaining goods by false pretences by tendering a valueless cheque to the amount of \$9,750 to Sennet Freres, was also preferred against first and second accused.

Third defendant is additionally charged with counselling and procuring first two defendants to obtain by false pretences a diamond from Sennet Freres.

Yesterday's hearing was taken up by three jewellers who bought the diamond. It was first bought for \$4,000, sold for \$4,250, re-sold for \$4,250, bought finally for \$6,880. The last known owner, a man by the name of Chan, bought the diamond in a gold setting for \$6,880 and then went to Kun Ming and has not been traced.

Inspector H. C. Hui said that when he went to make inquiries on information given him by first defendant he went to 74, Queen's Road Central (third floor) and saw third accused. He asked him if he knew anything about the cheque and the diamond obtained from Sennet Freres. Third defendant said that he saw Tong Wing On prepare the cheque. Hui asked him to go with him to the Police Station for questioning and defendant was then cautioned.

Mr. d'Almada asked Hui if he went to the address with the intention of arresting defendant, because if he had then he should not have asked him any questions without first cautioning him. Hui said he was not the officer in charge of the case and he was only making inquiries, so he could not form an opinion as to whether or not he should be arrested.

The case was then adjourned until June 24.

## 2 HIGH-PRICED CROWN LOTS

Three lots of Crown land were sold at public auction at the Public Works Department yesterday, and there was a fair attendance of bidders.

The first lot, R.B.L. No. 538 on the south side of Barker Road, with an area of about 144 square feet, was sold to the Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd., who had applied for it for the erection of a sub-station, at the upset price of \$300. There were no bidders, as a special condition of sale was that no building, other than an electric sub-station, was to be erected.

The second lot, R.B.L. No. 537 on Middle Gap Road, Mount Cameron, with an area of 12,500 square feet, was sold to Sir Cyril R. M. Young, Bart., of the civil engineering firm of Peterson & Young, for \$37,000, three times the upset price.

### Conditions

Bidding was extremely keen, and in the latter stages was confined to several European architects and Sir Cyril Young, whose persistent bidding eventually prevailed.

Sir Cyril said he would be building a semi-detached house on the lot for his own occupation. He had already got all

the material in Hong Kong and had applied to the Government for the site with an offer of the upset price of \$12,500 or \$1 a square foot. He never anticipated that the price would be trebled at the auction.

A condition of the sale is that within 18 months the purchaser must erect on the site a semi-detached European style house with garage and outbuildings of a treatable value of not less than \$80,000.

The sale was on the usual 75-year Crown lease with option of renewal for another 75 years. Annual Crown Rent is \$250.

The third lot, N.K.L. No. 3519, on South Wall Road, Kowloon City, with an area of 800 square feet, was sold for \$25,000 to Mr. Ng Yu-kuk, alias Ng Yu-wo, of 46 South Wall Road, ground floor, Kowloon. The amount paid represented nearly six times the upset price of \$4,500, and works out to nearly \$28 a square foot.

A condition of sale is that the purchaser must within 12 months erect on the land not less than \$25,000 in rateable improvements, and no factory or premises for industrial purposes are allowed. The land was sold on a 75-year Crown lease with an option of renewal for a further 24 years. Annual Crown Rent is \$24.

## Gold Found In Woman's Girdle

Claiming that she did not know what the Revenue Officer said, Chow Hing-suk, 32, married woman, denied having refused to allow a Female Revenue Officer to search her.

Chow was appearing at Central yesterday before Mr. Hing-shing Lo on a charge of importing gold without a permit from the Import and Export Department. When evidence was given by the searcher, who discovered the gold in defendant's girdle, she said that defendant at first refused to be searched, saying she was not the type of person that needed to be searched.

The searcher found two gold bangles, eleven gold rings, two gold coin pings, and a small gold pin in Chow's girdle.

Revenue Inspector J. Redman said that all the gold articles were new and had never been worn. He thought defendant had brought them with her on the pretence that they were her own possessions, when she was actually trying to smuggle the gold into the Colony.

Defendant said that her husband had been transferred from Shanghai to Canton and she brought the gold in her girdle for safe-keeping. She did not understand that the female revenue officer wanted to search her.

Mr. Lo said he would reserve his judgment until today.

## Allowed To Keep Gold

A fine of \$500 was imposed on Yu Yuen Ying, 32, a married woman, when she appeared at Central before Mr. Hing-shing Lo on a charge of importing gold into the Colony without a licence.

Defendant had been remanded from Saturday when she pleaded to be allowed to keep her gold, as it was all the money she had to pay her passage to Australia.

At first, the Revenue Officer pressed for the confiscation of the gold but as her story seemed quite genuine, the prosecution asked for a heavy fine only.

When imposing the fine of \$500 and ordering that the gold be returned to defendant, Mr. Lo told her that if she had obtained a permit from the Government in Canton she would not have had to pay the fine.

Revenue Inspector J. Redman prosecuted.

## SENTENCED TO RE-BANISHMENT

On July 18, 1947, Chui Sze was banished for life when he was convicted for the third time of larceny. Yesterday, he was sentenced to a year's hard labour, to be followed by re-banishment, on the charge of breach of deportation order.

Inspector J. Orem told Mr. W. H. Lattimer at Kowloon that defendant was arrested by Det. Cpl. 18 and Det. 1948 at Jordan Road near Canton Road on Saturday evening.

## Reminders

Today

Kowloon Union Church, Women's Guild meeting, 9 a.m.

Urban Council Meeting, G.P.O. Bldg., 4.15 p.m.

H.K. Rotary Club luncheon, talk on "Democracy East and West" by Dr. E. G. Endacott, Roof Garden, 12.30 p.m.

Bridge Drive, European Y.M.C.A., 8 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Golden Jubilee of R.M.C. Maj. Gen. Matthews visits Military Hospital, 11 a.m.; Bowen Road Military Hospital and other RAMC installations open to public: 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

H.K. Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd. annual meeting, "The Queen's Bldg.", 11.30 a.m. Flag Whist (Game Morning), European Y.M.C.A.

THURSDAY

Y's Men's Club luncheon, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

Commencement of "Stam's National Day, Cocktail Party at Jacobean Room by Slames Consul-General, H.K. Hotel, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Mahjong Class, European Y.M.C.A., 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon at Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Classical Music Recital, European Y.M.C.A., 8 p.m.

Candy Making Class, European Y.M.C.A. (Ladies' Section), 10 a.m.

SATURDAY

Programme of Popular Music by Hong Kong Light Orchestra at Kowloon Cricket Club, Grand Dance commemorating RAMC Golden Jubilee, China Fleet Club, 8 p.m. to midnight.

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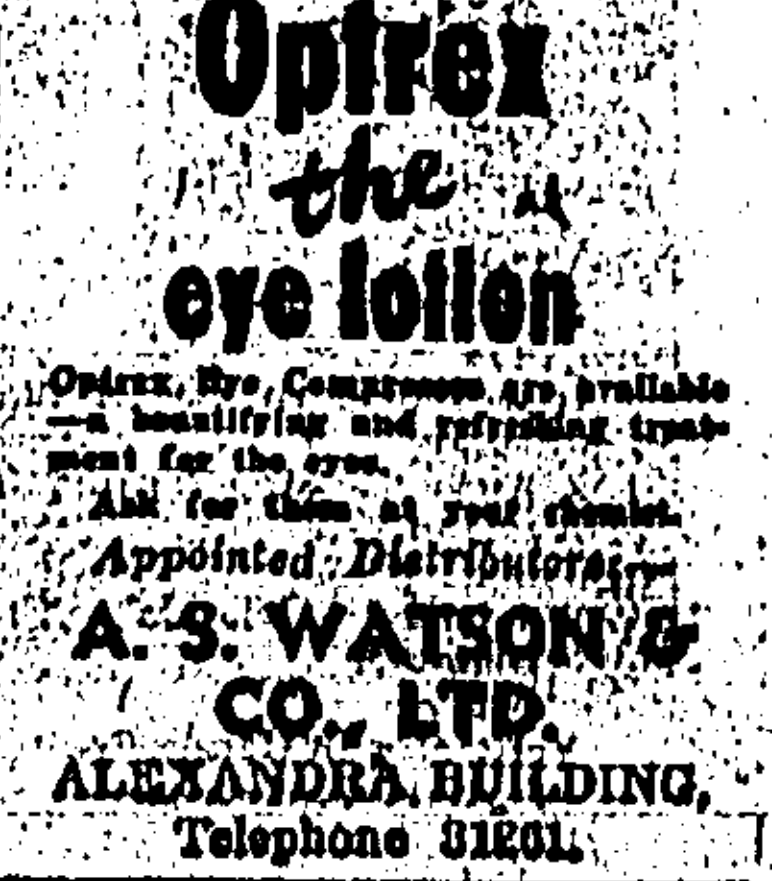
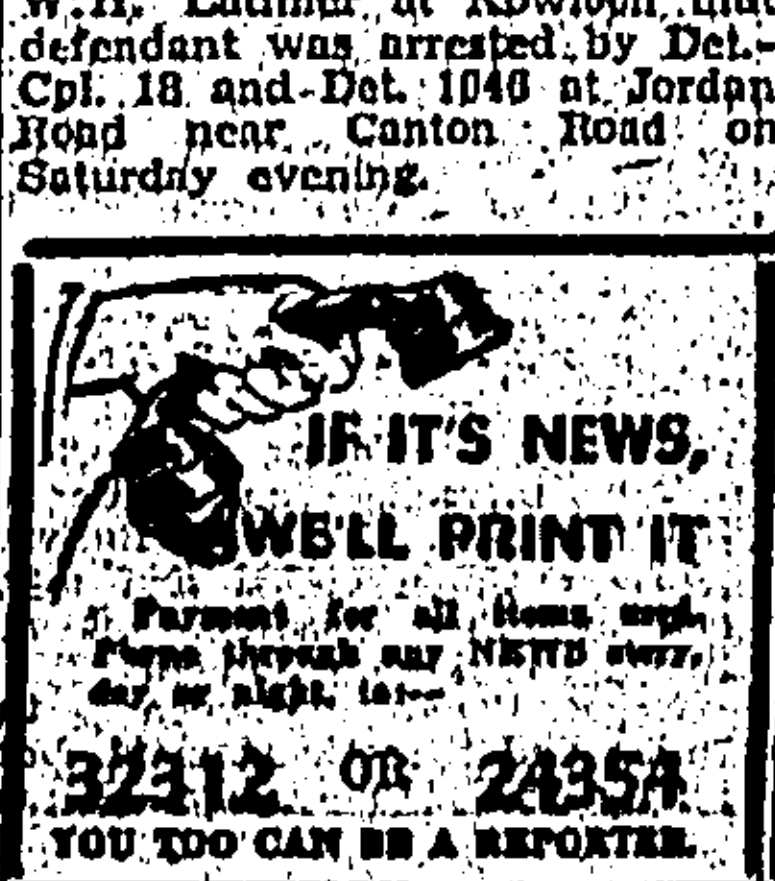
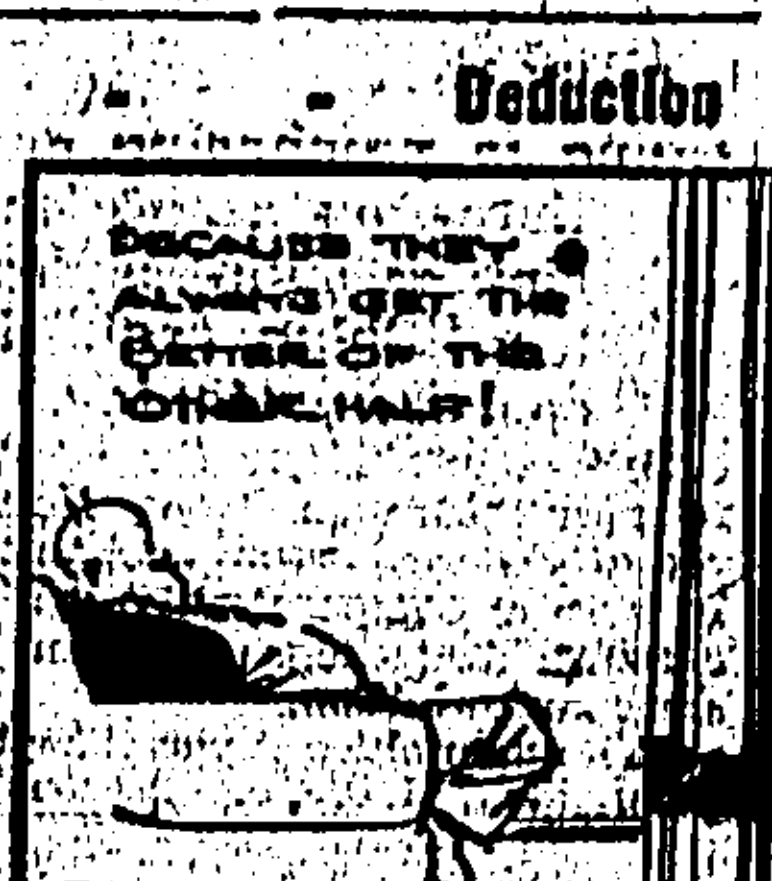
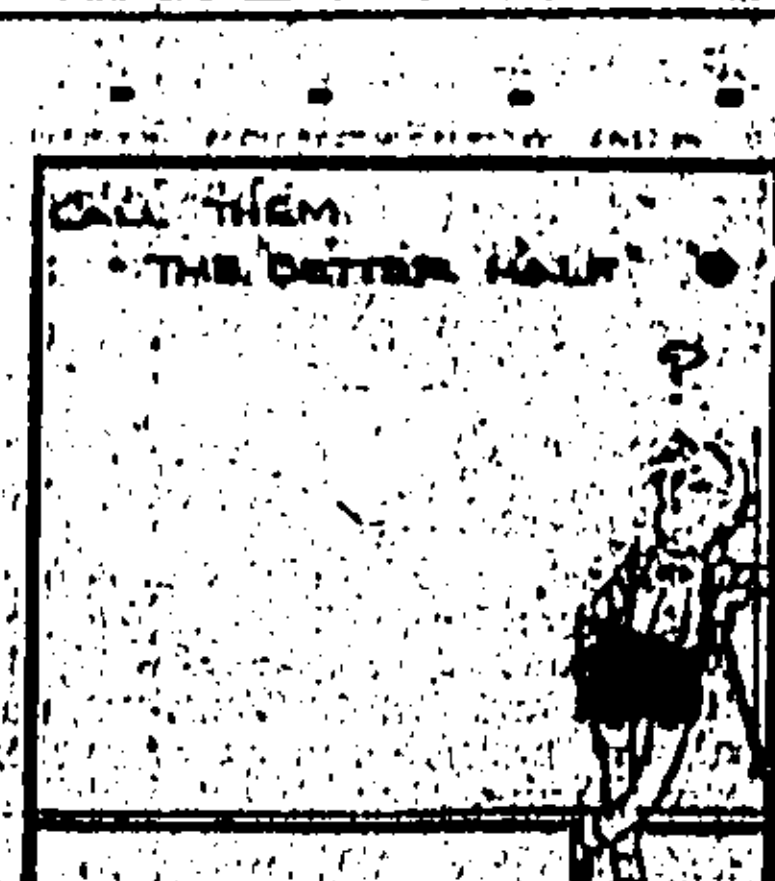
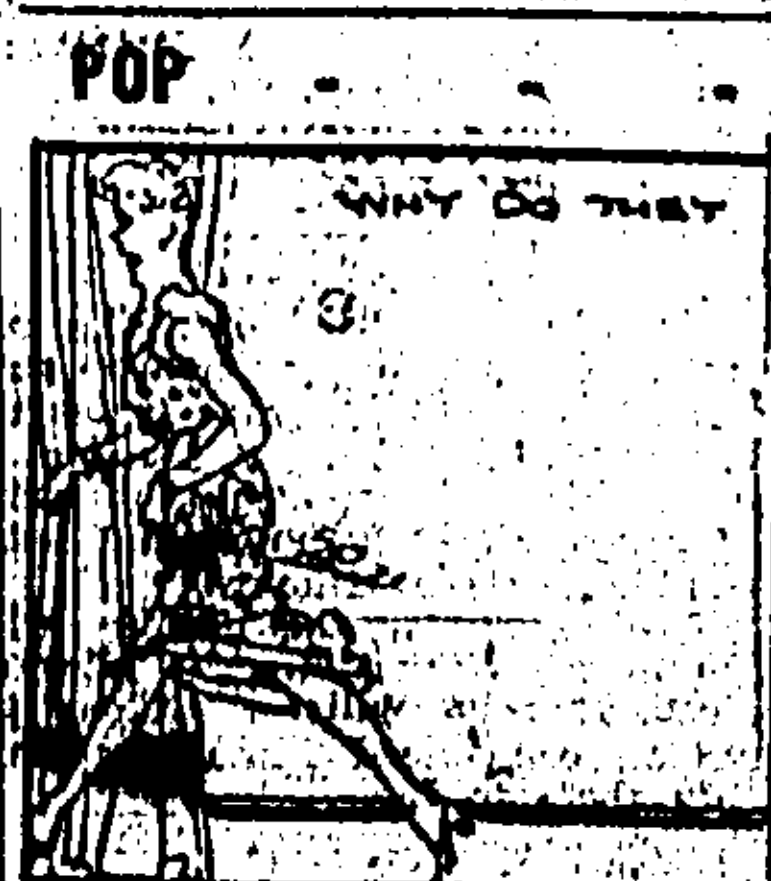
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## TRIAL OF ALLEGED KIDNAPPER BEGINS

The trial of Wong Choi alias Wong Sau-yiu, 23, unemployed, and Chan Chi-yung alias Chan Chi-leung alias Chung Yung, 24, beancurd maker, on charges of forcibly taking away Chung Yung-sang with the object of obtaining ransom and robbing him and his wife, Wong Shui-kam, of money and articles of value, commenced at the Criminal Sessions yesterday before Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice), and a jury.

Both accused pleaded not guilty.

The case for the Crown was conducted by Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Insp. D. H. Taylor.

Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. A. S. C. Comber of Messrs. Hastings & Co., appeared for the second accused after the case for the Crown had opened. The first accused was not legally represented.

Mr. Reynolds said that the complainant was an overseas Chinese, who had returned from the United States in Sept. last. Since that time, he had been living with his wife and family at 145 Tai Ki Lung Village, Un Lok.

On March 31, at about six o'clock in the evening, complainant was sitting at the front door of his house when a Chinese male came up to him and asked him if he were Mr. Chung. On complainant replying in the affirmative, the man drew a pistol and pointed it at Chung, who was told to go into his house.

Three other men appeared and joined the first man. One of these men, who was second accused, stayed outside the house to keep guard.

### Kept Guard

After entering the house, first accused kept guard at the door while his companions herded Chung, his wife, son and son's fiancée in the corner of a room. One man guarded them with a gun, while the other two ransacked the house. One of the men searched Chung and took from him the sum of \$107.50. Certain articles of value were also taken by the robbers.

As they were leaving, the robbers ordered Chung to put on his hat and coat and accompany them. The first accused told Chung's wife to meet him at Sheung Shui the next day. He warned her not to make any report to the police about her husband being kidnapped.

Next morning, Chung's wife met first accused at the Sheung Shui railway bridge. The latter said he wanted to borrow \$100,000 from her husband. She said she could not raise the money and first accused asked her to meet him again the next morning.

### Taken To Hills

In the meantime, Chung was taken into the hills, where he remained in custody of the robbers for the whole of April. They asked him for \$100,000, but he said he did not have so much money.

## Plaintiffs Succeed

The action for possession of the front portion of 50 Bonham Strand East, second floor, concluded at the Supreme Court yesterday morning, when Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice), gave judgment in favour of the Hop Wo Hing Firm, plaintiffs.

They were also awarded \$400 by way of damages and costs.

Mr. C. A. E. Rux appeared for the plaintiffs, while the defendant, Yau Sheung-yung, was represented by Mr. A. S. C. Comber of Messrs. Hastings and Company.

The plaintiffs, who claimed to be lawful sub-tenants of the front portion of 50 Bonham Strand East, 2nd floor, alleged that defendant and his family, consisting of five persons, trespassed upon the premises and were unlawfully remaining in possession. The plaintiffs therefore sought possession and damages for trespass.

Defendant claimed to be the managing Partner of the Wing Lee Company, principal tenants of the premises. He alleged that the plaintiffs, at some unknown date, went into possession of the portion of the premises lot to the Luen Hing Trading Company without the knowledge or consent of the Wing Lee Company.

## NAVAL WEDDING



## CONSERVATIVE CHAMBER COMMITTEE

The names of the newly elected 80-member General Committee of the Hong Kong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce were released for publication yesterday.

The Chinese Press, which has taken a keen interest in the Chamber election, was at the Chamber well ahead of the time of the official announcement so as to get the first news of the result of the election.

The names of those elected show a strong preponderance of Conservative Committee members, with Mr. Ko Cheuk-hung winning a good chance of eventual election to the chairmanship.

A meeting of the new General Committee will be held later in the week for the election from among themselves of a Standing Committee, from which the election for chairman and vice-chairman will be made.

### Do Not Shoot

After waiting some time, Chung shouted that he was coming out and requested the police party not to shoot him. Second accused was arrested on information later the same day.

Chung gave evidence in support of Mr. Reynolds' opening and said that one of the robbers who had held him and his family up, had been shot (dead) by the police. Chung identified the first accused as one of those who participated in the robbery and kidnapping.

Evidence was given by several other prosecution witnesses, after which the hearing was adjourned until today.

### Canton, June 21.

Mr. Elmer Newton, American Consul and Director of the United States Information Service in Canton, left this afternoon by train for Hong Kong en route to the United States on transfer to the State Department.

He is relieved by Mr. John K. Cochran, who was Director of USIS in Mukden. Associated Press.

## Aid May Increase Socialisation

Washington, June 20.

The United Press reliably learned that at a recent meeting of the State Department advisory board on foreign economic policy, it was suggested that the effect of the European Recovery Programme may increase European socialization rather than decrease it.

Members of the board, it was understood, include three leading United States college professors—Jacob Viner of Princeton, James Early of the University of Wisconsin and Edward Mason of Harvard.

At least one member of the board warned the Department of the necessity for continued European exchange control restrictions and close supervision of economic activities, while the aid programme in the process may lead to a "pattern" of government regulation in Europe which will be difficult to erase after the programme expires in 1952.

However, recommendations of the Board members are purely advisory and in no way binding on the Department. Neither do they constitute expression of United States foreign policy.

### Reservoir of Illwill

Other board members are understood to have advised the Department that a more careful check should be maintained to ensure that the United States does not build up a reservoir of illwill among people of the participating countries as a result of the latter's dependence on United States aid.

Further suggestions of individual board members reportedly were:

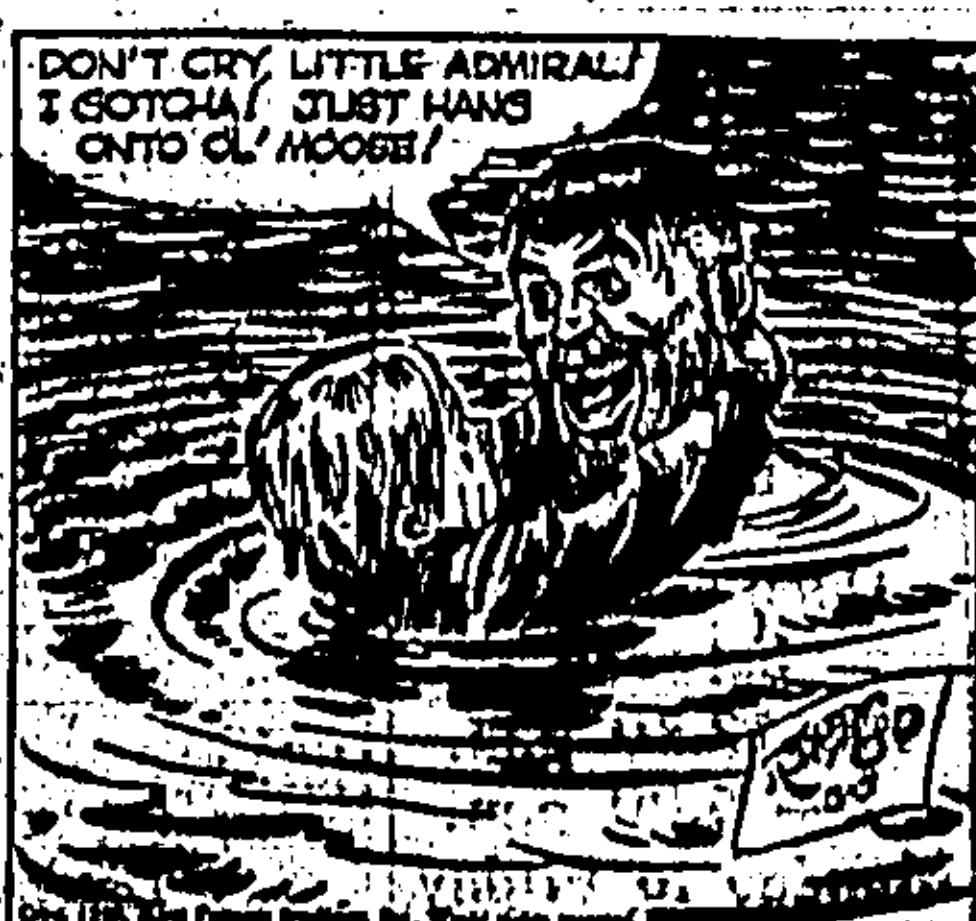
1. That the United States Government prepare promptly a plan of action which can be followed in the event of international economic depression. The important part of such plan, it was pointed out, should be a broad and aggressive commercial policy providing for both United States exports and imports and provision for "buffer stocks" of raw materials set aside against periods of scarcity or unfavourable market conditions.

### Industrialisation

2. That the United States should encourage industrialization of reconversion "backward" countries for the next few years, but recognize that while such industrialization is proceeding, international payments will remain out of balance. Observers suggested that the implication at this point was that the United States should be prepared to continue extending credits for such industrialization.

3. The formation of additional organs where necessary to assist in subsidization of currencies against world depression and the establishment of new channels for international financing and credits.—United Press.

BY ALEX RAYMOND



## RAMC Jubilee Tomorrow

The Royal Army Medical Corps will celebrate its 50th year as a Royal Corps tomorrow.

At 10.30 a.m. tomorrow, the General Officer Commanding, Land Forces, Hong Kong, Major-General F.R.G. Matthews, will inspect the Bowen Road Military Hospital. He will be conducted through all the different departments.

In the afternoon from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., the general public will be permitted to inspect the hospital including the Casualty Department, X-ray Section, Laboratory and operating Theatre.

In the evening, personnel of the R.A.M.C. will attend a dinner at the Chinese Elect. Club in honour of the occasion.

The local celebrations will end with a "Medical Dance" at the China Fleet Club on Saturday. Dancing will be from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Representatives from the Royal Naval Medical Service and ex-members of the Corps will be present.

Personnel outside the medical service will be admitted by invitation only.

## Personalia

Dr. F. Dixey, mineral expert, is due to arrive here from London at 3 p.m. today. He will remain here for about a week before proceeding to Suva, capital of Fiji Islands, his original destination. During his stay in the Colony, Dr. Dixey will be a guest at Government House.

Passengers from Hanoi by Air France yesterday included Mr. Randall M. Gieson, Mrs. Lou Ti and Dr. Giau Yen. Arriving on the same plane from Haiphong were Dr. Lo Van Hoc, Vietnam Provisional Government official, and Chung Ming-yin.

Messrs. M. Robnett, M. Dawson, E.E. Lindberg, M. Starke, M. Heltwanger, M. de Gasperi, M. Naulin, M. Barriou and Miss H. Mesnard left for Haiphong by Air France yesterday. On the same plane bound for Hanoi were Mrs. E. V. Marshall, Mrs. Teng Man-sou, Mrs. Tang Lien-ly and Mrs. Tchen Wang-tai.

Messrs. Barthelemy King, Faustino Taghoy, Lim Lam, Mulchand Udhram, Eu E. Tong, Tang Sow-hu, Chu Lay-hok, Lin Heng, and Miss Yu Cio-chun left on Saturday for Manila by CPA.

Miss Tong Yuen-lan, Messrs. Ang Iyo-kai, Chang Chin-hui, and Lou Yan-hwee arrived from Bangkok by CPA on Sunday.

Departures for Singapore by CPA yesterday included Messrs. Kuo Tsin-shan, Tso Soan-boh, Chang Eang-chao, H.E. Brown, and Huang Kin-hun.

Arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Saturday included Mrs. A. Hampden Ross, Mrs. Lucie Harwich, Messrs. P.M. Lawson, W.L. McClelland, Sol Hiner, R.S. Buchan, J.B. Ipeckjian, N.B. Jusan, and Lt. Col. and Mrs. H. G. Smigelow. Sunday's arrivals were Mr. and Mrs. F.L. Chapman and Mrs. O. Ed. Clubb, Mrs. Z.M. Clubb, Mrs. J.E. Phillips, Miss E. Townsend, and Lt. Col. D.H. Rigley.

Week-end departures from the Peninsula Hotel were Dr. J. F. Rock, Mr. and Mrs. A.R. Wilkinson, Mrs. G. Golden, G. Sandquist, Jack Birn, E.D. Holms, Col. and Mrs. Cameron, Mr. M. E. Hinzworth, M. Forste, Mr. and Mrs. David K. Walker, R.C. Cooper, and P. Schabel.

Mr. H. A. McKay, Head Bailiff of the Supreme Court, left for Australia yesterday by the s.s. "Change" on eight months' leave. Mr. McKay, who is a keen amateur photographer, is also a Committee Member of the Photographic Society of Hong Kong.

## TEACHER WEDS CORRESPONDENT

Miss Margaret Liang, school-teacher from Kuning, was married yesterday to Mr. Walter Briggs, special correspondent of the "Christian Science Monitor" and the "Chicago Sun-times".

The wedding ceremony was performed by the Rev. J.E. Sandbach, at the English Methodist Church, Queen's Road, East.

The bride wore a lovely white lace Chinese gown and carried a small bouquet.

Mr. Victor Kendrick, "United Press" Hong Kong Bureau Chief, witnessed the marriage.

Following the wedding, the happy couple were hosts at an informal reception to newspapermen and women and other friends at the Gloucester Hotel.

The bridegroom first came to the Far East in 1940 as a correspondent for "United Press". Now a roving reporter, he recently returned from a trip to Siam, Burma and Yunnan via the famous Burma Road.

The couple will leave shortly for Shanghai and North China for their honeymoon.

## DANUBE CONFERENCE PROBLEMS

Washington, June 20.

The United States next month attends an important international conference where, for a change, Russia and her satellites can outvote the Western nations by seven to three.

The conference is the nation meeting scheduled to open on July 30 in Belgrade, on Danube River navigation. In most postwar conferences, Russia has held tenaciously to the veto power to halt Western-sponsored agreements in the United Nations and the Council of Foreign Ministers.

The United States, Britain and France without success have championed majority votes.

Informed sources here said the three powers had not decided whether they would insist on a vote at Belgrade, but now that the tables are turned, it is virtually certain the Soviets and their friends will fight for majority rule.

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that the Court has by virtue of  
Section 58 of the Probates  
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Dated the 19th day of June,  
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## De Gaulle Speech

FRANCE'S DESTINY  
THREATENED

Verdun, June 20.  
All the air-raid sirens in Verdun, the heroic fortress  
town of the first World War, screamed for 10  
minutes as General Charles de Gaulle was  
about to begin a speech commemorating the  
32nd anniversary of the 1916 victory, which  
proved the turning point of the campaign.  
Angry cries of "sabotage" and shouts of "Power for  
de Gaulle" came from the crowd of 20,000  
people massed at the foot of the great mem-  
orial outside the city where General de Gaulle  
was to speak.

Police rushed to the Cath-  
edral, on the towers of which  
the sirens were placed. They  
searched for saboteurs, even  
behind the altar and in the  
Confessional boxes, but found  
no one.

Finally they found the wires  
linking the sirens with the con-  
trol in the barracks of the Ver-  
dun Fire Brigade.

When the sirens were  
sounded, General de Gaulle  
said: "It is easy to interfere  
with the our public demon-  
strations, but it is impossible to  
stop them. This kind of thing  
will only reinforce the strength  
of the Rally of the French  
People" (General de Gaulle's  
national organization).

General de Gaulle declared  
that France felt her destiny was  
once again gravely threatened.  
He referred to the "illusions of  
our British and American Allies"  
with regard to Germany, and  
called again for a reform of the  
French State.

**Olive Branch**  
He referred to the "great role"  
played by Marshal Petain in the  
historic battle of Verdun in 1916,  
and many observers saw in this

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ALL MAKE INQUIRIES, JENNY FACH, BUT IN MY OPINION HE WAS A MIRAGE!—THE LONELINESS AFFECTS SOME PEOPLE LIKE THAT!—DID I EVER TELL YOU HOW WHEN I WAS IN THE DESERT?

Demonstrations  
in Germany

Berlin, June 20.  
Many demonstrations in the  
Soviet Zone against the cur-  
rency reform in the Western  
Zone were reported today  
by the German news agency.  
In Wulmar, Schwerin and  
Magdeburg, factory workers  
joined in public demonstra-  
tion.—Reuter.

PRAY FOR  
BERNADOTTE

Rhodes, June 20.  
Leaders of the Jewish and  
Arab communities in Rhodes  
stood side by side under the  
pulpit in the red-tiled Orthodox  
Evangelismos Church here today  
as the Metropolitan of Rhodes  
led thousands in prayer for the  
success of the mission of Count  
Folke Bernadotte, the United  
Nations mediator for Palestine.  
Seventy-four year old Mr.  
Elie Soriano, the silver-haired  
head of the Jews, and Sheikh  
Suleiman, the bearded Mufti of  
Rhodes, saw the Metropolitan  
kneel as a gesture towards the  
great solemnity of the occasion  
when he read a blessing in En-  
glish on the mediator.

## TREATING

THE CRITICS

Bangkok, June 21.  
Siam's theatrical impressions  
are learning from Hollywood,  
and fast, how to keep the critics  
in a receptive mood.

When a new Bangkok play,  
"Skyland," opened recently, the  
"Paka-vall and Ing-orp" theat-  
rical company loaded up seven  
buses with reporters, authors  
and playwrights and hauled  
them off to a seaside resort to  
celebrate.—Associated Press.

represents a weak minority in  
the country, risking the whole  
destiny of France by its attitude  
to Germany.—Reuter.

REPUBLICAN  
ELECTION PLANKS

Philadelphia, June 20.  
The Republicans began today the job of simplifying  
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plank which Senator Arthur Vandenberg, pos-  
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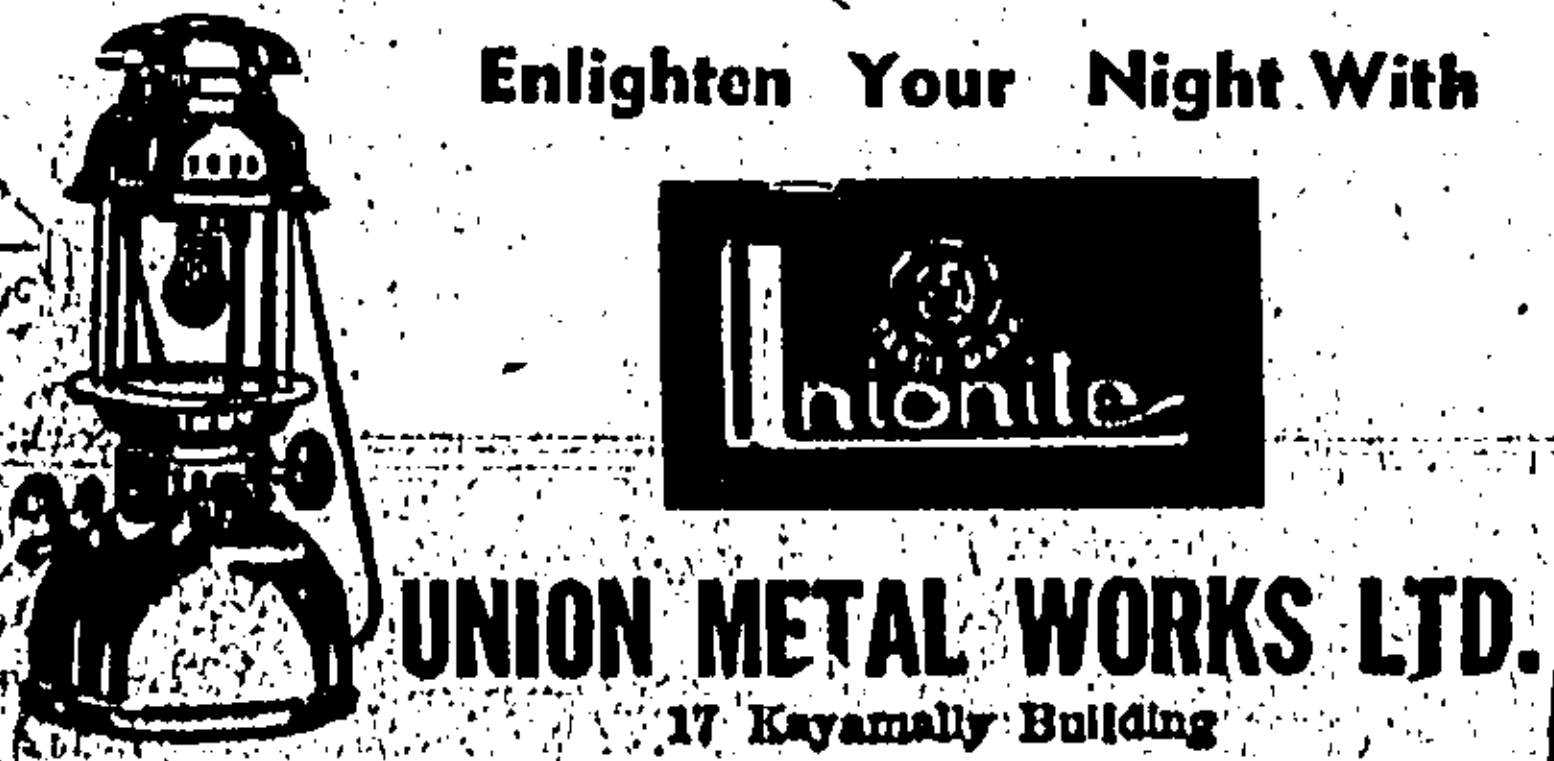
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## NEW PHASE IN GREEK WAR 70,000 Troops In Large Scale Operations

### Turkish AA Mistake

Ankara, June 20. The Turkish Army announced today that the personnel responsible for opening anti-aircraft fire against the American Dakota transport over the Dardanelles last Thursday would be court-martialed.

The Turkish batteries opened fire on the plane which was on an inspection flight of Turkish training centres. It was hit by a shell which slightly damaged the starboard wing. It landed safely at the Tura airfield at Balikesir. Officials said that poor communications prevented the anti-aircraft from being notified of the plane's flight.

The Dakota was piloted by Colonel James Fergusson, Chief of the Air Force training programme and an official of the American Aid Mission to Turkey. Others aboard were the co-pilot, Major Gardner, Sergeant Tucker and a Turkish Colonel named Shahap.—United Press.

### POLICE COUP

Buenos Aires, June 20. Police arrested 200 Communists in an early morning raid today on their headquarters in suburban Avellaneda but released nearly all of them.

Only those with police records were held for further questioning. Police said the arrests were made because the party was meeting without special permission.—Associated Press.

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### CLOSING IN ON THE MARKOS STRONGHOLD

Athens, June 20. The Government hurled an estimated 70,000 troops, made up of six divisions supported by artillery and air-power, straight into the heart of the rebels' Grammos Mountain stronghold on the Albanian border.

Seven thousand guerillas are reported in the 1,000 square mile area dotted with mountain peaks rising more than 7,000 feet.

Rugged Greek soldiers are closing in on three sides on a line roughly from the Albanian border at Konitsa to Yannina, from Yannina east to Grevena, and from Grevena north to Nestorion. The Albanian frontier is the top of the pocket.

Two of the Greek air force's three squadrons are supporting the offensive over the roughest mountain terrain in Greece. One hundred pieces of artillery distinguished by American-made pack howitzers are reported to be blasting fortified rebel positions in the approaches to Grammos.

**Headquarters Attacked**  
Guerrilla headquarters and primary supply bases for all central Greece are in the zone under attack, a responsible military authority said.

The offensive aims at the "destruction of all bandit forces located in the Grammos area. These constitute the main bandit group in Greece," an authoritative source said.

The Air Force has been "softening up" the guerilla defenses for several days. One highly successful attack on Lukorochi brought from the Markos radio complaint that "hundreds of women and children were killed."

Markos had under his command in this zone seven brigades and several independent battalions. Competent American military authority discounted any chance of Markos making a serious counter-attack.

**Resounding Defeat**  
They said such a venture would not prove successful because of the tremendous strength arrayed against the Greek guerilla leader. It was agreed that he could make a large scale diversionary attack that would gain him some time but military leaders are confident that Markos is heading

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Having the lead is sometimes an advantage, but on other occasions it may be a distinct liability. That is especially true if you are obliged to lead away from some honour which is not in direct sequence with other honours in your own hand or your partner's. Your lead may present the declarer or dummy with a trick which would be impossible for him to score otherwise, and incidentally bends you or your partner out of the value of some trick-taker. That's why in many situations it is better to lead a suit containing no high cards in preference to jeopardizing honours in other suits.

S. A K J 2  
H. K 7 4  
D. A 9 8  
C. Q J 5

S. 10 7  
H. A 8 2  
D. 7 3 2  
C. K 10 6

S. 8 6 5 3  
H. J 6  
D. K J 10 6  
C. A 4

(Dealer: East. East-West vulnerable.)  
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Pass Pass Pass 1 NT  
2 S 2 S Pass 3 S  
Pass 4 S

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### Rice Soars In Shanghai

Shanghai, June 21. In spite of a ceiling price of C\$10,000,000 per picul fixed by the municipal authorities, the grade white rice was quoted at \$13 million this morning—a new record high.

To cope with the situation, Mayor K. C. Wu was holding closed meetings with the chiefs of the Shanghai Food Committee, the Bureau of Social Affairs and the Police.

It is believed that emergency measures will be enforced beginning today to keep the price down. These measures will include raids on suspected rice hoarders and speculators.—Reuter.

### RADIO

ZHW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 12.15 to 2.00 p.m., and from 6.00 to 11.15 p.m., and also on 9.52 megacycles in the 21 metre band from 12.15 to 1.30, 7.30 to 8.30 and 0.15 to 1.15 p.m.

**ILO Admits WFTU**  
San Francisco, June 20. After months of disagreement, the World Federation of Trade Unions has been admitted to formal relationship with the International Labour Organisation by 31 votes to one.

As a compromise, the ILO Conference over the weekend admitted two rival organizations—the International Confederation of Christian Trade Unions and the International Confederation of Workers.

Mr. S. Lall, the Indian delegate, opposed the admission of these two rival bodies. He said it was a pity that the religious factor had to be introduced.

**CLAYTON RESIGNS**  
Washington, June 20. President Truman has accepted the resignation of Mr. William Clayton, former Under-Secretary of State, from his post as American representative to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.—Reuter.

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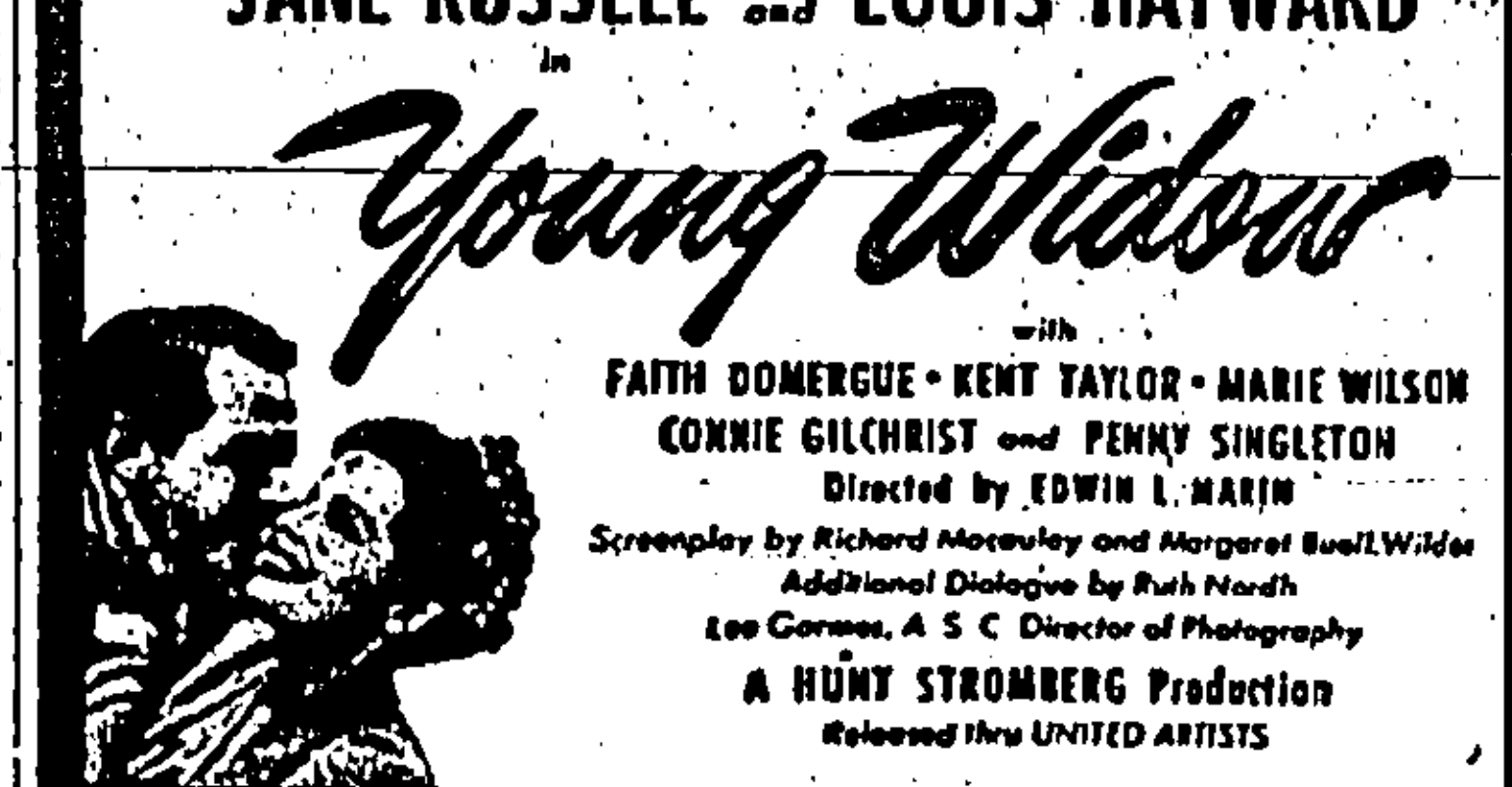
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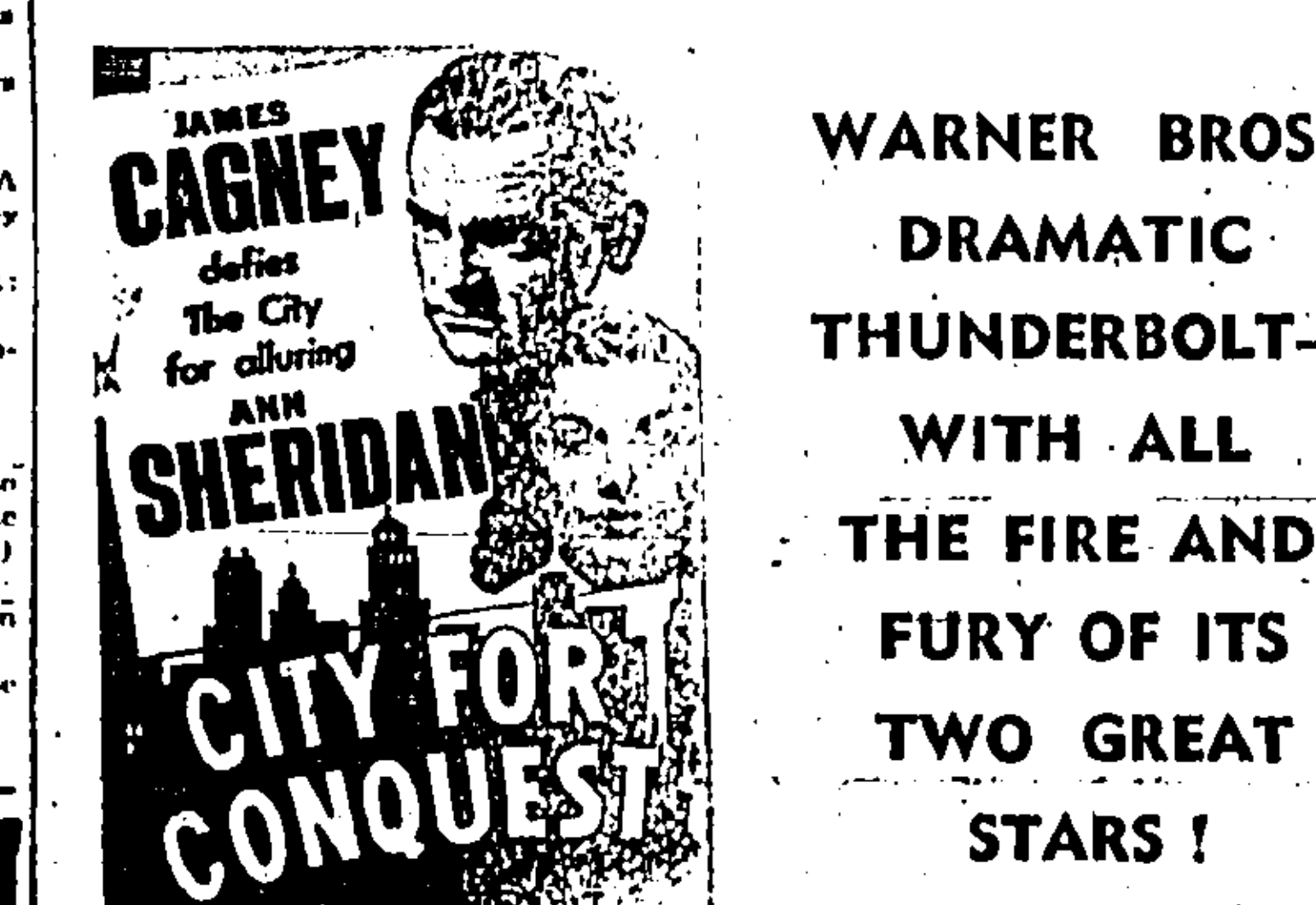
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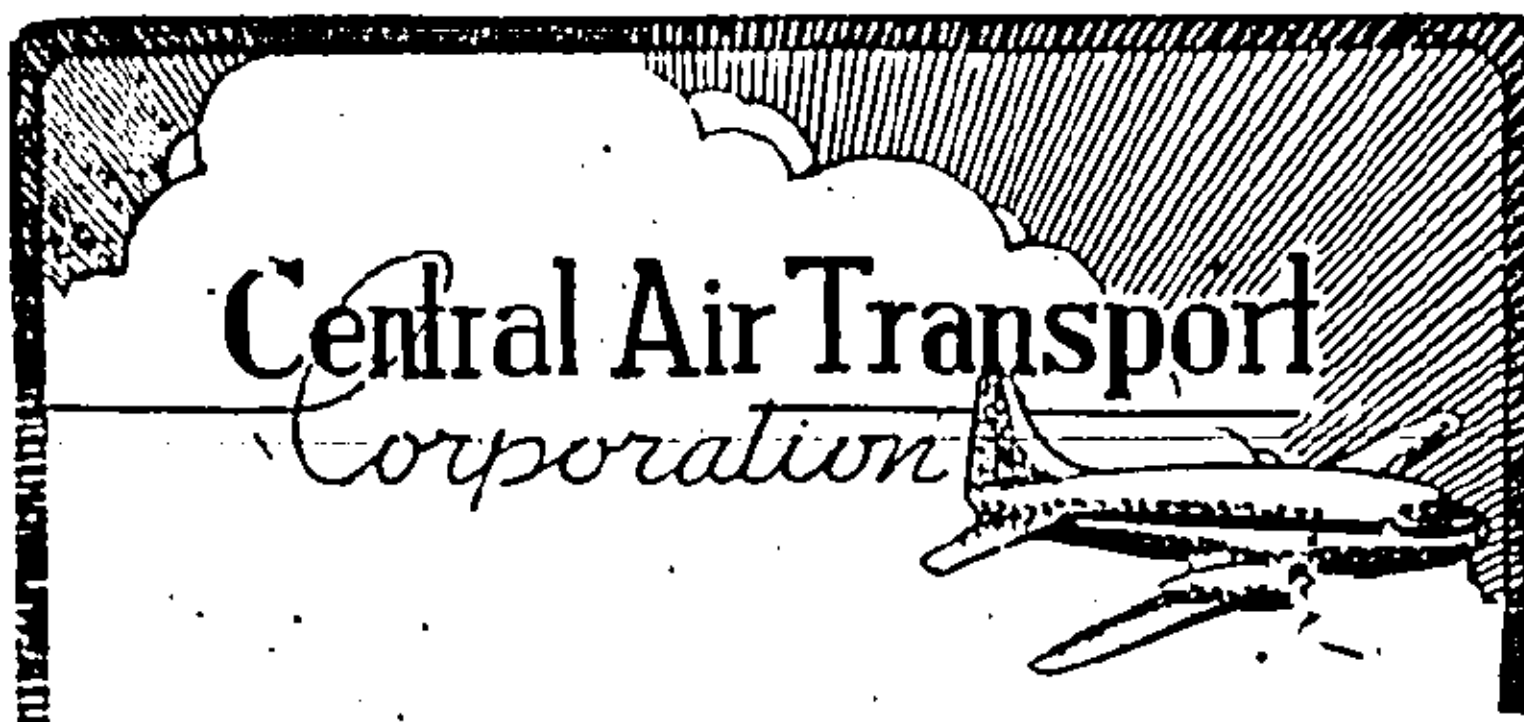
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## BIRTH

GUTTINGER - On June 21, 1948, at St. Paul's Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. O. Guttinger, a son (Peter Oscar).

## Unique Voice

The one off to his profession is his tendency to be, or to look, knock-kneed, and it is still cherished by some of them though that minor physical characteristic became less obvious when breeches and puttees went out of fashion as Service dress.

The fact is that, alone among the outstanding men of our day, Smuts's character has always been better known than his personality.

That is why the professional mischievous have seldom included him in their lists of subjects and victims. They can get the musical pitch of his voice they cannot imitate his decisions. These are so original that they baffle even the South Africans.

The history of his personality is, indeed, unusual, if not a little peculiar.

## A Man Was Born

Once he changed so much that his father and mother did not recognize him. That was during the Boer War. He went into it weedy, bent, and awkward, for ever conversing with the pavement.

When he came back he stood at the old home door and they did not know him.

This unexpected, commanding figure was a stranger in those parts. The war had made him not only a man but a leader of men.

It had also taught him to laugh a little, and that was part of the strangeness about him.

He still does not laugh too easily. His keen blue eyes and his continuing lucidity at near is another extraordinary thing about him—still looks cold. Yet his handclasp may be warm. There are still these contradictions in his nature.

For instance, he is spoken of affectionately as "Jannie" but not by as many people as perhaps he could wish. He still wears a mask of aloofness that is apt to put you off.

## From The Veldt

This aloofness, which is not entirely of the intellect, as some people seem to suppose, is thought to have its origin in the conditions of his earliest years. He was born amid the great spaces, with towering distant mountains to intensify the sense of the illimitable and the remote.

Something of this appears to have stayed with him. Many people meeting him have felt it. They have felt that Jan Smuts

## Search For Missing Couple

New York, June 20. Two Army bombers were beginning a search today for the amphibious jeep in which Major Benjamin Carlin, of Perth, Australia, and his American wife are trying to sail to the Azores on the first leg of their proposed round-the-world trip.

## CKR DISPUTE OVER

Canton, June 21. The "go slow" strike of mechanics of the Canton-Kowloon Railway, which started about a week ago, is over, according to a local report.

The dispute is reported by the "At Kwong Pao" to have been settled by the railway authorities granting the men higher wages in view of the increasingly high cost of living in Canton.

Reuter.

## SMUTS KEPT HIS APPOINTMENT

"There comes to England from the outer marches of the Empire a new and altogether extraordinary man."

So wrote Winston Churchill in 1917, when General Smuts arrived to take his place in the Imperial War Cabinet.

"Except for one word, and that not 'extraordinary' the phrase holds as good these 30 years after. Today Field-Marshal Smuts comes once again among us, this time to accept the Chancellorship of the University of Cambridge."

"Extraordinary" we must allow that he is still, though the Cambridge graduates of the late 'thirties have reached a patriarchal last phase. Ask the earliest of them.

They will tell you—the least self-conscious of the tribe, at any rate—that no world figure of our time is harder to "do" than Smuts from South Africa.

The essential personality has always given them the slip. This alone classifies him as extraordinary. There is a slight in the eye that they never can fix, even the defeat of them.

was seeing them not so much as individuals as items in a vast evolutionary process which, he leaves you in no doubt, he is destined to assist.

Now and again he has stepped out in a forceful way to demonstrate this, to play his predestined role, as he seems to conceive it, of being picked by Providence for special duty.

So much so that it has seemed to many that he has on occasion

contributing to his recent election eclipse.

Smuts has been publicly defeated before and, as a philosopher-statesman of the order of Haldane and Balfour, he has been well equipped to accept such a reverse.

His tragedy for the future may be that he is too well equipped. For a good many years now he has been on an equal footing with the great ones of the world. He has helped to shape events.

Not even his fiercest critic can deny that he has had an appointment with destiny.

It may be that his appointment now to the university's highest place and greatest honour will find him not only refreshing his memories but revising his ideas about it. It will probably compensate, in generous measure, for the intellectual restrictions that might otherwise be his.

## ANOTHER JOB FOR MOUNTBATTEN

London, June 20.

Lord Mountbatten should be sent to Singapore to handle the outbreak of lawlessness in Malaya, a "Sunday Chronicle" article by Mr. George Bishop stated today.

"Today, the jungle politicians and professional murderers—they are all the same—are openly busy with the Stalin paint pot, daubing South East Asia bright red," the article stated.

## Dentists Refuse To Cooperate

Birmingham, June 20.

The Representative Board of the British Dental Association, whose membership total 8,000, decided here today, by an overwhelming majority, not to take part in the Labour Government's new National Health Service.

The aim of the Minister of Health, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, was to provide a dental service for everybody under his scheme, which brings every person in the country under the compulsory health insurance.

The doctors decided to co-operate after prolonged argument and Ministerial concessions.

The Board here today decided to send a letter to all member dentists urging them to remain outside the service. A statement which they issued said "Members are profoundly dissatisfied with the complete refusal of the Minister to grant any of the Association's basic principles, and with the hurried way the remuneration negotiations were carried through."

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## DR. BENES HAPPY IN RETIREMENT

Prague, June 20.

A close friend of Dr. Eduard Benes, who has been in touch with the former President since his resignation on June 7, gave me the following picture of Dr. Benes in retirement, writes Sydney-Brookes, Reuters correspondent, today.

After his resignation, he seemed much relieved. He sees his task as a statesman ended and he will spend the rest of his life watching the international situation, the working of the new regime in Czechoslovakia, and in finishing his memoirs.

The second volume of the memoirs, covering a period from his arrival in Britain in October, 1938, to the signature of the Czech-Soviet treaty in December, 1943, was published last Christmas.

The first 200,000 copies have been sold out. A second printing of 50,000 copies was recently issued. The publishing firm is State-owned.

Dr. Benes hopes to publish the first volume before the end of this year. It will cover Munich, about which Dr. Benes and the Communists differ. The Communists maintain that Dr. Benes should have chosen war instead of capitulation, as they believe that Germany was insufficiently prepared.

Dr. Benes agrees that Hitler was not so well prepared, but argues that the Allies were even less prepared.

The last volume deals with the period from the beginning of 1944 to the return to Prague in 1945, including the negotiations with the Communists for re-establishing the Czechoslovak Government.

Health Damaged

Dr. Benes, a descendant of Czech peasants, after all his years at the Sorbonne, Versailles, Geneva, London, Castle and Lany, clings to his small property at Sezimovo Usti, where the villa he built for his old age, and the garden where every tree and plant were set by himself and his wife.

A neighbour is Dr. Zdenek Fierlinger, the Social Democrat who played a leading role in the Moscow negotiations, who was first Prime Minister in 1945, and who has now led his party into a fusion with the Communists.

President Benes was recovering from illness when the strain of the February events in Prague damaged his health. He did not want to change his doctors and his friends believe that he continued too long under unsuitable medical advice.

His personal physician for many years was known best as a specialist in women's diseases.

Few Czech doctors have been able to keep abreast of medical science and some who have emigrated during the war did not return, and Czechoslovakia has had financial difficulties in securing the new drugs developed in the West.

Sun Stroke

Lack of the best medical attention retarded Dr. Benes' recovery. He suffered a sun stroke last summer which led to an ear inflammation and a breakdown of the nerves leading to the lower jaw, so that, for a time, his speech was impeded.

When Dr. Benes left Hradec Castle on February 26 for Sezimovo Usti, he intended to

resign but his wish to speak to the nation was frustrated.

As the Constitution demanded, Presidential statements had to be approved by the Prime Minister. Dr. Benes hoped to make a farewell broadcast as he did after Munich. He found this impossible and retired to the country.

As after Munich, he could see no chance of changing the course of events without the risk of bloodshed and international complication.

Nobody expects President Benes to take part in further political activity. His health is not bad, and will be better if he is able to rest.

Given Castle

The Government has given him Lany Castle, and will probably provide staff and guards, but he may use it only to house the large private library and archives which he has gathered over the past 30 years.

Mrs. Benes has found a flat in Prague, near the Central Palace and Mrs. Benes and a niece will stay in an isolated villa near the spa of Tatras Lomica, in the Tatras Mountains, and it is unlikely that the public will hear of them again until the new volume of memoirs is ready for publication, in October or later.

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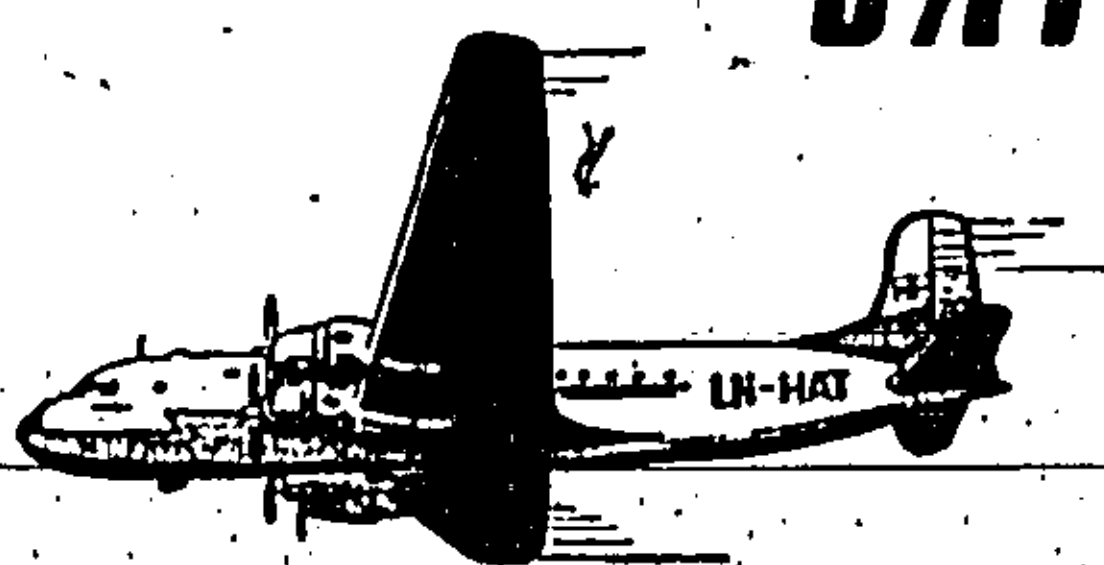
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## Decline To Submit To Russian Inspection

### APPEAL TO NIZAM FAILS

Hyderabad, June 20.—A last-minute appeal by Earl Mountbatten, the retiring Governor-General of India, to the Nizam of Hyderabad, to settle the accession dispute between India and Hyderabad on the basis of the draft agreement announced last week by the Indian Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, proved ineffectual, it was learned here today.

The main points of the draft agreement, described by Pandit Nehru last Thursday as "the utmost limits to which we can go," were that Hyderabad's army be fixed at a maximum of 20,000; irregular forces in the State be limited to 8,000; disbandment of the Razakars (a militant Muslim organisation); Hyderabad to pass similar legislation to India on defence, communications and external affairs; and India to conduct Hyderabad's foreign relations.

Lord Mountbatten was understood to have sent a telegram to the Nizam, expressing his concern over future Indo-Hyderabad relations and stating that, in his opinion, the draft agreement provided an honourable basis for a compromise.—Reuter.

### BERLIN TENSE FOR NEXT SOVIET MOVE

Berlin, June 20.—Berliners were tonight tensely watching for the slightest clue to the Soviet counter-measures to today's currency reform in the Western Zones of Germany, and the city was alive with rumours.

While German circles in close touch with the Russians expected them to postpone a reform, others were quoted as saying a formal Soviet announcement would be made today or tomorrow.

Both the Russians and the Western Allies were "known" to be prepared to issue new money in their own sectors of the four-power capital "when the time came."

Berlin was today still virtually isolated from the West by the three-day ban, designed to stop smugglers flooding the Eastern Zone with old bank notes.

All land and water traffic eastward to Berlin had stopped except for freight trains, which were being closely searched. A limited shuttle air service started by the British authorities yesterday was continued.

DENA, the German news service, reported that a No Man's Land, along the whole Eastern demarcation line in Germany, 15 miles to 30 miles wide, has been formed by Russian forces and German police.

The agency also quoted confidential reports that the Russians plan a sudden complete closing of the frontier in the early hours of Monday morning.

#### Old Notes?

The British-licensed "Telegraf" predicted today the Soviet authorities would issue a restricted number of old Reichsmarks with a special stamp as the new Soviet-Zone currency. Other unconfirmed reports said the Western Allies might introduce the new Deutsche mark into their own sectors of Berlin if the Russians tried to impose a currency of their own on the city.

Meanwhile, Berliners have to use the old money, now valueless in the Western Zones. The Chief of Police, Herr Paul Markgraf, today threatened with heavy fines and prison sentences all shopkeepers who refused to sell their goods in the present uncertainty.

Rumours were current in the capital today of crates containing new money being unloaded at a local airport. According to one, several large crates were brought in last night. Another story said several planes in the last few days had unloaded crates reputed to have contained the new money. An absolute denial that any money had been sent from Frankfurt to Berlin was made today by Colonel William Grey, the United States Chief of the Foreign Repository in the Reichsbank there, from which the Deutsche marks were distributed in the West.—Reuter.

#### Official Silence

Berlin, June 20.—The Soviet-controlled German news agency estimated that between 700 million and 800 million reichsmarks will not be reported for exchange in the Western zones because the owners cannot give satisfactory explanations regarding origin. The agency assumed that gangs would attempt to smuggle this into the Soviet zone.

The Soviet Military Admini-

### Patrols Mobilised No Currency Front

Berlin, June 20.

The United States Army tonight stopped sending supplies into Berlin by rail for American residents, rather than submit the trains to Soviet inspection.

A military freight train bound for Berlin was pulled back from the Soviet zone control point at Marienborn rather than permit the Russians to open its cars and inspect the cargo, American officials said.

If the rail stopping continues, it will mean that 10,000 US personnel in Berlin will have to be supplied by air. A similar Russian demand for inspection stopped Allied passenger train service in April.

"Unavoidably harsh measures" are considered necessary to safeguard economic order and the circulation of money in the Soviet zone, the official Soviet Military Administration newspaper, "Tegliche Rundschau," said today.

Germans guarding crops and farms, in addition to the German border police and Russian patrols, were mobilised along the 450-mile "currency front" to help seal the zonal frontier, Soviet-licensed German newspapers reported.

### No Pride: No Wife

Tokyo, June 21.—Mr. Kenji Takahashi, son of the former Admiral Sankichi Takahashi, Commander-in-Chief of the former Japanese Navy, says his wife is demanding a divorce because she was ashamed of his taking a job as a sandwichman, according to Japanese press reports.

Confronted with either saving his pride or losing his wife, Kenji sought help from the Life Consultation Bureau of Tokyo. He was told that times had changed in Japan, since her defeat and that many former members of Japan's aristocracy had been compelled to accept humble positions in order to earn a living.

From today, the son of the former admiral will walk the streets of Tokyo carrying billboards for the sum of 500 yen daily.—Reuter.

It is reported that the Russians will attempt to include the city of Berlin, which is under four-power rule.

The city was exempted from the Western Powers' reform.—Associated Press.

### GERMANY'S NEW NOTES

Frankfurt, June 20.

Western Germany's new banknotes are probably the most neutral looking bills the world has ever seen.

Gone are the watermarks, famous German inventors and bucolic-looking cherubs.

The 50-Mark note is printed on the same paper as the American dollar bill and is about the same size. The note printed with purple ink and bears the figure 50 on its four corners and to the right and left centre of a picture of the Goddess Ceres with a basket overflowing with fruit—and a sheaf of wheat.

At her feet lie bunches of grapes and rolling plains, stretching into a background of snow-covered mountains.

The reverse side, printed in the same purple ink, consists largely of delicately etched fine dunes surrounding an almost blank centre which bears the words "Fifty German marks."

Generally the Germans seemed pleased to receive the new money and they smiled as they walked away from the cash tables, carefully counting their forty marks.

Some noted the similarity of the new mark to the old occupation mark, while in one office three people examining them declared it would be easy to counterfeit them.—Reuter.

### PROTEST WITH A WARNING

Budapest, June 20.

Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty protested the Government nationalisation of Church schools today and declared the Church will never cease in its efforts to reclaim control of its education.

A Pastoral letter signed by Cardinal Mindszenty and 15 bishops was read in all Catholic churches throughout Hungary.

The letter said: "We solemnly protest against this action in the name of human rights of parents, in the name of the Church's right for education and in the name of right and freedom of education."

"We can never give up our right and we shall never cease to claim it back through legal means."

Catholic leaders declared that the Government had broken its promises to settle the issue amicably and asserted that the people had not been given an opportunity to voice their opinions.

The reading of the letter was prefaced with a request to followers to "express no opinion or feeling" after hearing the message.—United Press.

### Crossman Upset

Munich, June 20.

Mr. Richard Crossman, a prominent Labour Member of Parliament, today told Reuters that he considered the present aim of currency reform "unbearable."

Mr. Crossman, here to address the International Youth Conference said: "It is difficult to understand how democrats could manage to ruin the little people."

He said that neither the currency reform nor the revival of a truly democratic Germany could be accomplished without a land reform, the socialisation of heavy industry and the equalising of the economic burden.

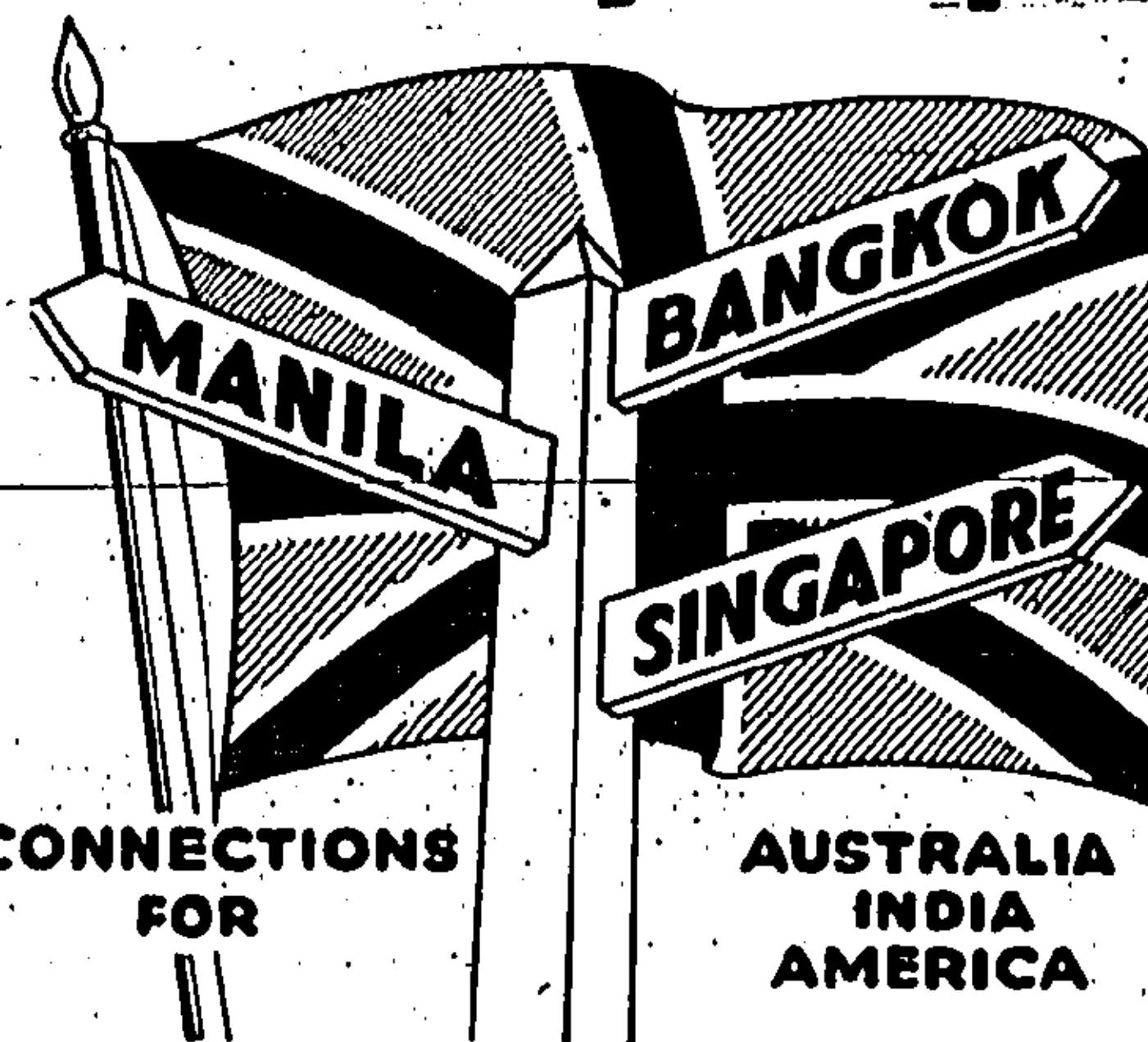
Mr. Crossman also charged that the British Control Commission had developed a "master race" fixation by altering its mask from that of an advisory capacity to that of an order-giving position.—Reuter.

#### CAPITAL LEVY

San Jose, Costa Rica, June 21.

A 10 percent tax on private capital to raise reconstruction funds was announced last night by President Jose Figueres. Credit and banking are to be nationalised.—Associated Press.

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### Marshall Aid Flow To Begin At Once

Washington, June 20. Five thousand million dollars worth of Marshall aid goods will begin to flow to Europe almost at once as the result of President Truman's dramatic weekend victory in the Congressional battle over the European recovery programme. Only the President's signature is now needed to set in motion the gigantic aid programme for Britain and Europe, launched by Mr. George Marshall, the Secretary of State, one year ago and finally approved by Congress early today.

After the longest Senate sitting for 21 years, the Senate and the House of Representatives voted approval for nearly all the funds originally promised to the 16 nations—thus ending the deadlock which began on June 4 when the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee voted to cut the funds by about 20 per cent for the first year.

A joint conference committee of both Houses had earlier agreed to restore the cuts.

As a result of the Congress vote, spending will begin almost immediately, —Reuter.

### Destroyer Patrol

Lake Success, June 20. The United Nations was formally notified that three U.S. destroyers were being assigned to a U.N. Palestine patrol.

An announcement said the U.S. Naval Commander in the Mediterranean had been instructed to turn the vessels over to Count Folke Bernadotte, U.N. Palestine mediator.

In leading the destroyers to the U.N., the United States made these stipulations:

1. The vessels must be used only to transport persons and materials in connection with the truce or for observation and reporting duties.

2. The vessels are not authorized to use force or to stop or board other ships. —Associated Press.

### VANDENBERG FOR PRESIDENT

Lansing, Mich., June 19. Dapper Governor Kim Sigler of Michigan said today that Senator Arthur Vandenberg will be "available as a candidate for the presidency."

Although the Michigan senator himself was silent on his plans, Sigler said he believed next week's Republican National Convention will wind up by nominating Vandenberg as the party's candidate for President.

The Michigan delegates, Sigler said, are pledged to vote for Vandenberg on the first ballot, and they have no second choice. —United Press.

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INSPECTIONS INVITED

St. Lucia, June 20. The cruiser Sheffield was standing by at Bermuda tonight to go to the aid of the stricken people of Castries, capital of St. Lucia, in the Windward Islands, where fire today destroyed the main part of the town.

Forty blocks of buildings were destroyed by the fire which broke out during the night. The buildings destroyed included Government offices and major business houses.

The centre of the town, including the Secretariat, the Supreme Court, the Legislative Council, the Registry, the Customs, the Education, and the Health buildings were completely gutted.

All grocery and drug stores were destroyed. The St. Lucia Library, the Carnegie building, the offices and printing works of the newspaper, "The Voice of St. Lucia," Barclay Bank, the Cable and Wireless offices and a theatre were burnt to the ground.

The stricken town is threatened by serious food and supply shortages, while the homeless are presenting an almost insuperable problem. The island's housing resources are difficult enough in normal times.

The police—the town's only fire fighting force—had little chance of controlling the fire owing to the low pressure of the water supply, depleted by an unusually long drought.

### G.I.s Assist

United States troops rushed in fire-fighting equipment from Bermuda, two and a half hours distance, by road from Castries, and joined the battle against the flames.

This disaster to Castries—the second in 21 years—was even more destructive than the fire which swept through the town in May, 1927.

St. Lucia, one of the Windward Islands, forming the eastern barrier to the Caribbean Sea between Martinique and Trinidad, has a population of 70,170 and an area of 233 square miles. —Reuter.

## EUROPE'S REDS IN SECRET CONCLAVE

London, June 20. European Communist leaders were tonight reported assembling somewhere behind the "iron curtain" for a meeting of the nine-nation Cominform—possibly to launch an offensive against the Marshall aid plan finally approved by the United States Congress today.

A stricter line for the member-parties was also fore-shadowed by Italian political quarters as an outcome of the meeting, the most likely venue for which seemed to be Bucharest, although Prague has also been mentioned.

Signor Palmiro Togliatti, the Italian Communist leader and one of the Movement's biggest theoreticians, left Prague for Bucharest last night after flying from Rome, a Reuter despatch reported.

Herr Wilhelm Pieck and Herr Otto Grotewohl, joint chairmen of the Communist-dominated German Socialist Unity Party, have been officially reported in Rumania for some days.

Madame Genevieve Tabouis, writing in today's France Libre, the "French" Communist leader, M. Jacques Duclos, "had to go to Prague for a new session of the Cominform in which Moscow personalities will take part."

In Paris too, the rightwing newspaper, Le Fougere, quoted the late journal of the Cominform as "urging a rejection of the 'Popular Front' formula—under which the Italian Communists joined with leftwing Socialists in the recent general elections."

The formula meant a "swamping" action by Communist leaders and "undermining the confidence of the masses," the journal was quoted as saying.

### Too Big

L. Poque reported that the Cominform journal also called for "discrimination" in considering applications for membership of Communist parties.

Signed by M. V. Grigoryan, a Soviet writer, the article said: "The rapid growth of a party has the effect of lowering the degree of confidence of its members and to discredit, to some extent its standing."

He estimated the membership of the eight biggest European Communist parties outside Russia as totalling 9,000,000, made up as follows: Italy—2,233,000; Czechoslovakia—2,000,000; France—1,000,000; Poland—1,000,000; Hungary—800,000; Bulgaria—500,000; Yugoslavia—430,000. —Reuter.

### CHANGE IN KMT PROGRAMME

Shanghai, June 21. Because of financial difficulties, the Seventh Plenary Session of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang, originally scheduled to open at the beginning of July in Nanking, will be changed into a Joint Party and San Min Chu I (Youth Corps) Conference to be held in Kuling in the near future.

President Chiang Kai-shek will preside over the joint session. —Reuter.

### Singapore, June 20.

China has established a consulate in Malacca, on Malaya's west coast, one of the historic centres of Chinese in Malaya.

Cheng Chia-hua, who recently arrived in Singapore from Samoa, has been appointed the Consul for Malacca. —Associated Press.

## Shanghai Property Tax Protest

Shanghai, June 21. Shanghai factory owners have voiced strong opposition to the proposed introduction of a property tax now being discussed in the Legislative Yuan.

At a special meeting over the weekend, they unanimously passed a resolution petitioning the Yuan to throw out the proposal. Among those present at the meeting were representatives of the local Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Tu Yu-sen, social industrial magnate and others.

Mr. Tu, who presided, called attention to the increasing effects the tax, if passed, would have on industrial and trade interests who were already finding it hard to tide themselves over numerous other difficulties.

Mr. Loh Cheng-hua, a Legislative Yuan member representing the Chamber of Commerce interests who may be considered to have "led the opposition" in the Yuan debate on the tax, told the meeting that the provisions in the draft law called for a levy of a tax from five to 50 per cent on the total value of movable and immovable assets not only of wealthy individuals but also of corporations.

Enforcement of the law, Mr. Loh pointed out, would not only spell ruin for industry and trade, but also produce most harmful effects on the general social stability and security.

The tax is said to be applicable to both Chinese and foreigners. —Reuter.

## Andre Lebon Still Held Up

Shanghai, June 21. The French liner, Andre Lebon, is still here 12 days after she was scheduled to sail with 168 passengers for Europe.

No definite sailing date has been arranged by the company following postponement of her departure after discovery of opium and other contraband on board by Customs officials.

The crew decided to remain until the final outcome of the case against four French crew members charged with complicity in smuggling is known.

The four accused were first brought before the District Court on June 11, but there have been no hearings since. —Reuter.

## New Aussie Ambassador

Canberra, June 20. Dr Herbert Ewart, the Australian External Affairs Minister, today announced the appointment of Mr. Keith Officer as the Australian Ambassador to China and Mr. Fred Stirling as High Commissioner to South Africa.

Mr. Officer is at present Minister to the Netherlands and Mr. Stirling is Minister assisting Mr. Norman Makin, the Australian Ambassador in Washington. Both are career officials.

Because of the dollar shortage, Australia does not propose at present to appoint Ministers to Chile and Brazil. The Ministers there completed their terms of service and the posts will be left in the hands of the present Secretaries of the Legations. —Reuter.

## Chinese Deported

Bangkok, June 19. Convicted of offenses in violation of Siam's anti-prostitution laws 22 Chinese have been deported from Siam to China in June, according to Lt. Col. Charnas Mandhukarn, Assistant Chief of the C.I.D.

Another group of 15 Chinese are due for deportation soon, it was revealed.

In addition to those violating anti-prostitution laws, there have been some Chinese deported, convicted of secret society activities, the courts having ruled that they are undesirable aliens.

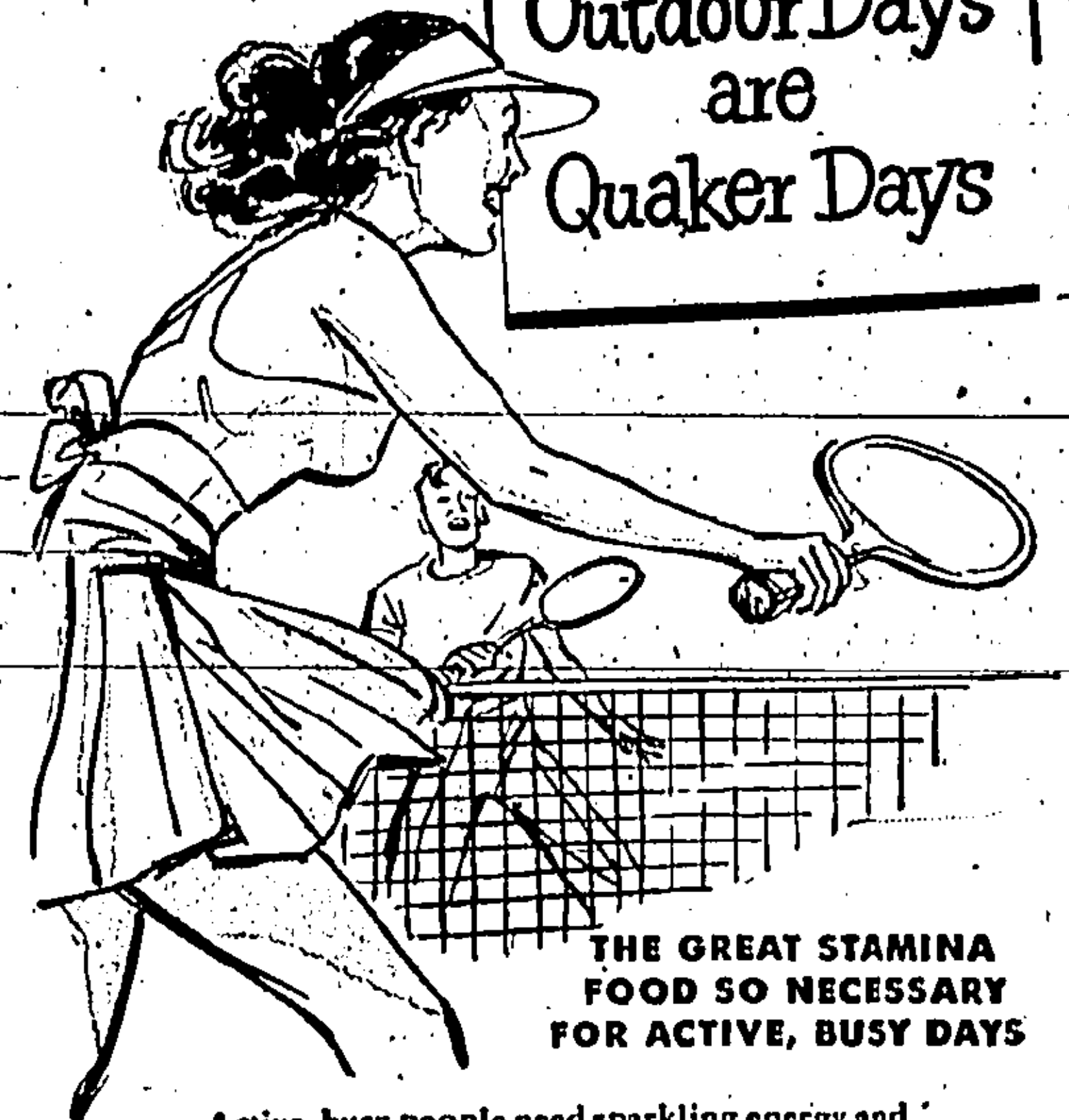
Deportation for violation of Siam's price control laws went into effect last January. —United Press.

### US FILMS BANNED

Cairo, June 19. The Chief Censor of the Egyptian Ministry of the Interior Saturday banned films by Danny Kaye and Mickey Rooney on the grounds that the two American stars contributed their earnings to Zionism.

The ruling affects cinemas throughout Egypt and the Censor said that it expected other countries to take similar steps. —Associated Press.

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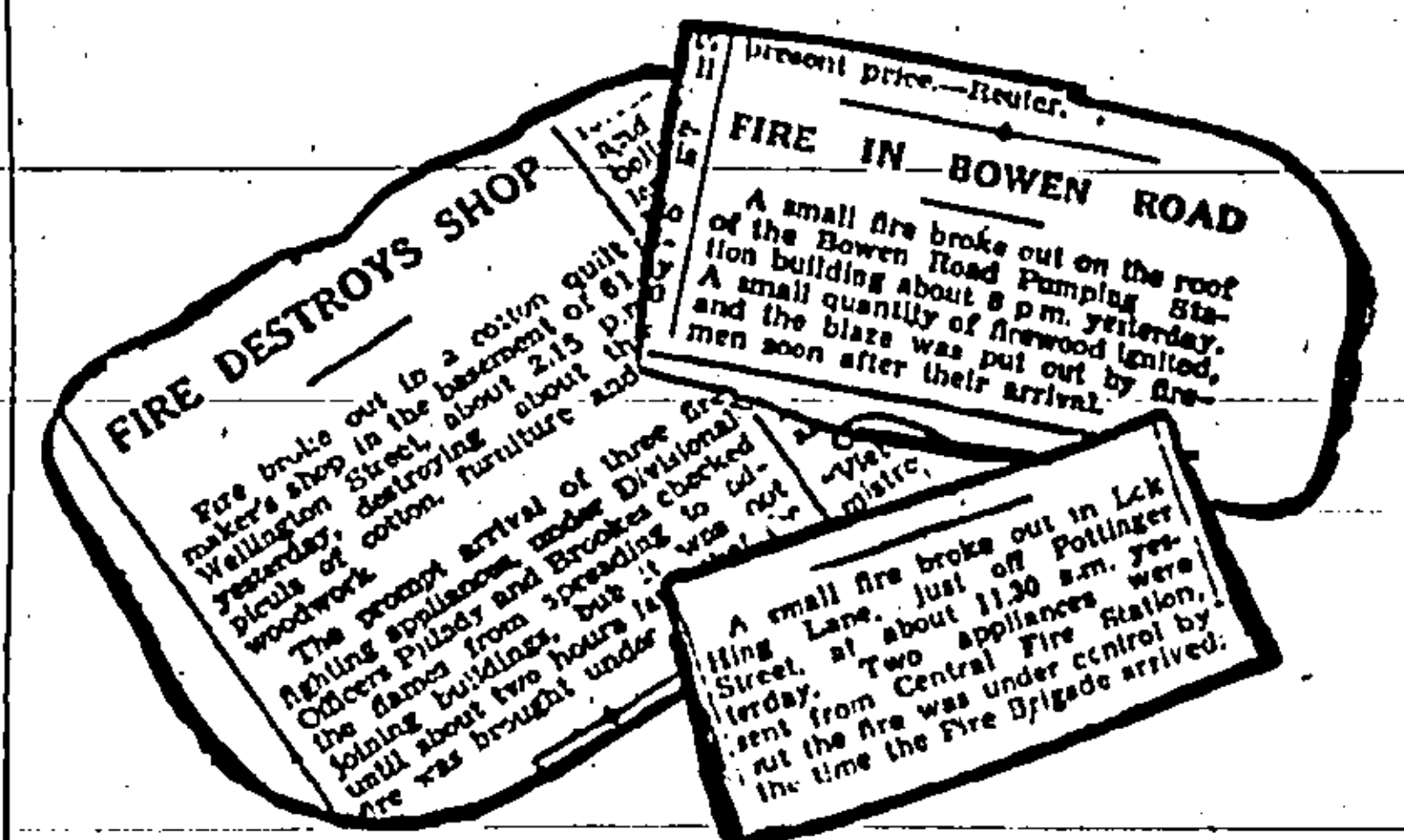


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**GILMAN & CO., LTD.**Agents,  
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NAVAL INTELLIGENCE**

New York, June 20.

Only a meeting between President Harry Truman of the United States and Generalissimo Josef Stalin of the USSR can bring an overall clarification of the controversial issues between the two countries, a general easing of world tension, and the peace and tranquillity the whole world needs.

That, at least, is the opinion of Rear Admiral Ellis Zacharias, the wartime Chief of United States Naval Intelligence, expressed in an article entitled "What Stalin Thinks," published in the unofficial magazine "United Nations World."

"On the basis of the best and most reliable information I could gather," writes Admiral Zacharias, "I may describe Stalin's attitude towards war as follows:

"1.—Stalin will not launch a direct aggression, if only because of his apprehension that the Soviet system might not survive another war.

"2.—If attacked, however, the Generalissimo will mobilise the whole resources of the vast sub-continent, will drive the nation ruthlessly into battle, and will never capitulate."

Using the "methods and techniques of the trained intelligence officer" to obtain material for his article, Admiral Zacharias states: "Stalin is apprehensive of the United States today because he suspects us of aggressive intentions. But he is firmly convinced that neither Washington nor the London administration desire a war at this time.

whole group of discredited and disavowed political leaders whose only chance for a come-back lies in another war."

Admiral Zacharias observes that the question of war or peace virtually haunts Stalin's mind. "He is convinced that it cannot be settled on the level of Ambassadors and Foreign Ministers," he adds.

"It is imperative" that both President Truman and Generalissimo Stalin should go into conference "with an agenda prepared and accepted in advance, and with adequate material to permit, not merely discussions, but the solution of every issue on the agenda," the admiral continues.

"The conference plan should review the whole complex of international cooperation and contain solutions with a view toward the strengthening of the United Nations.

**New Treaty**

Three Categories  
"According to him, however, there are three categories of people who are vitally interested in bringing about another world war: those whom he regards as warmongers, including (1) top economic leaders, the so-called 'capitalists' who are interested in the continuous expansion of production, and markets, no matter by what means; (2) the military men who, in Stalin's view, are not so much interested in war as in continuous tension to keep their budgets high; and (3) a

But Admiral Zacharias stresses that he does not propose that the United States should discontinue its efforts now aimed at the strengthening of the country for

**Zujovic's  
"Error"**

Belgrade, June 20.  
Yugoslavia knew today after almost two months of official silence that M. Zujovic, former Finance Minister, was dismissed because he "played into the hands of international reaction."

He and M. Hebrang, Minister of Industry, were both removed from office in May.

M. Zujovic was once believed second only to the Premier, Marshal Josip Tito, in the Yugoslav Communist Party.—Reuter.

its role in world leadership, and adds: "But while continuing our efforts and maintaining our strength to match our national commitments, international obligations and world prestige, we should make it crystal clear, both to the world at large and to the USSR, that we have no aggressive designs or intentions whatever."—Reuter.

**HEAVY EXPLOSIONS  
IN CAIRO**

Cairo, June 20.

Two explosions rocked the Jewish quarter of Cairo's Musky (bazaar) district today. The blasts killed 20 and wounded 42 others.

Five houses were destroyed and about 20 damaged. Police Commander Selim Zakim Zaki Pasha said that 18 bodies had been recovered. A Jewish boy died later in a hospital.

Three hundred policemen surrounded the quarter and they arrested seven Jewish boys with a push cart bearing an unattached time fuse and explosives which the bomb expert of the Ministry

of the Interior contended were the same kind as those used in the main explosion. The police commander reported that two pushcarts loaded with unexploded gelignite were discovered.

Premier Mahmoud Fahmy Nokrashy Pasha told newsmen: "It has been proved that the explosions in the Jewish quarter came from inside the houses and not from the outside. That is why only a few houses were destroyed. If the explosions had come from outside the houses the whole district might have been destroyed."

Five or six hours after the blast a crowd stopped an automobile on a street leading to the suburb of Abbassia. Shouting "a Jew, a Jew," the crowd pulled the driver out, beat him and set fire to his car, only to discover later that he was an Egyptian Moslem.—Associated Press.

**Rush To  
Avoid The  
Draft**

Washington, June 20.

National Guard recruiting offices here opened their doors to hundreds of youths anxious to escape the 18-25 draft voted by Congress in its closing hours.

A provision in the compromise draft bill exempts anyone who joins the National Guard before President Truman signs the measure, from being drafted into other forces.

National Guard recruiting officers here said they had staffed their offices from noon to six p.m. EDT yesterday to handle hundreds of inquiries about Guard qualification. The offices are not open on Sunday.

Some youths signed up by early afternoon. "Many more indicated they would enrol on Monday. There was no indication when President Truman would sign the bill. He can wait ten days if he wishes.—United Press.

**Tony Martin  
Lionised**

London, June 20.

Hoarse and fagged out by nearly two solid hours of singing, American crooner Tony Martin bade farewell to British fans at the London Palladium Theatre on Saturday night—another of the smash American vaudeville hits on the London stage this year.

Tony practically tripled his normal playing time, singing two dozen songs and took at least half that many curtain calls. "I have never had such a good reception anywhere," he gasped, after it was all over.—Associated Press.

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| s.s. CANTON     | due 2nd Aug.    | from London, Bombay and Straits.                                                                            |
|                 | sails 7th Aug.  | for Straits, Bombay and London via Suez.                                                                    |
| m.v. TREVETHOE  | due 11th Aug.   | from UK & Continent                                                                                         |
| m.v. TREWELLARD | due 13th Aug.   | for Shanghai & Japan                                                                                        |
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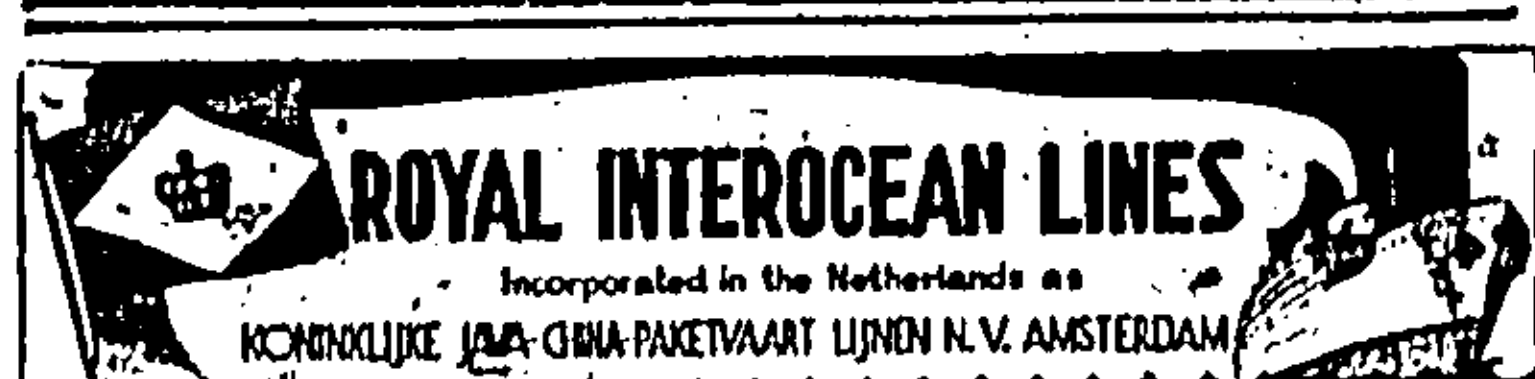
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| "TJITJALENGKA" from Macassar & Java Ports 22nd June | to Java Ports & Macassar 7th July  |
| "TJISADANE" from Macassar & Javaports 6th July      | to Javaports & Macassar 21st July  |

## ASIA-AFRICA-SOUTH AMERICA SERVICE

| Arrivals                                                | Sailings                                                                |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| "TEGELBERG" from South America, South Africa, 25th June | to Shanghai & Japan 26th June to South Africa, South America, 12th July |
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|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
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## ARRIVALS

| From                           | Date        | Vessel              |
|--------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles | In port     | s.s. "DONA AURORA"  |
|                                | Mid. July   | m.v. "DONA NATI"    |
|                                | Mid. August | m.v. "DONA ANICETA" |

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| For                                            | Date      | Vessel             |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles                 | 21st June | s.s. "DONA AURORA" |
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## BRITAIN'S INTERNAL FINANCES BEGINNING TO LOOK TWO-FACED

London, June 20.

Britain's internal financial situation is beginning to look two-faced: there are increasing signs of disinflation, but on the other hand, all the signs of inflation have not vanished.

## Hong Kong Stock Exchange

The week has opened on a dull note. H.K. GOVT. LOANS:  
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3 1/2% Loan (1946) 10 1/2  
BANKS:  
H.K. & S. Bank 215 1/2, 215 1/2  
Chartered Bank 211 1/2  
Mercantile Bank A. & C. 222 1/2  
Bank of East Asia 190  
INDUSTRIALS:  
Canton Ind. 250  
Union Ind. 270 1/2, 270 1/2, 270 1/2  
China Underwriters 25  
H.K. Fire Ins. 220  
SHIPPING:  
Douglas 237 1/2  
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Indo China (Ref.) 150 (Def.) 28 1/2  
Nippon (Ref.) 27 1/2  
U. Waterways 27 1/2  
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(2) 15 1/2, 15 1/2  
H.K. Docks 32 1/2, 32 1/2, 32 1/2  
China Dockyards 23 1/2  
MINING:  
H.K. Mines 6 1/2  
LAND, HOTEL & BLDG.:  
H. & S. Hotels 17 1/2, 17 1/2, 17 1/2  
H.K. Land 23 1/2  
Shanghai Land 23 1/2, 23 1/2, 23 1/2  
Humbrook Estate 23  
H.K. Realities 18  
Chinese Estates 18  
PUBLIC UTILITIES:  
H.K. Tramways 23 1/2  
Peak Tram (Old) 22 1/2, (New) 14  
Star Ferry 12 1/2, 12 1/2, 12 1/2  
C. Light (Old) 24, 24 1/2, 24 1/2  
(New) 20 1/2, 20 1/2  
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Macao Electric 20 1/2  
Hankow Light 14 1/2  
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Cement 47 1/2, 47 1/2, 47 1/2  
H.K. - Hongkong 12 1/2, 12 1/2, 12 1/2  
STOCKS:  
Daily News (Old) 4 1/2, (New) 5 1/2  
Watsons (Old) 5 1/2, (New) 5 1/2  
Lane, Crawford 6 1/2  
Sincere 8 1/2  
China Emporium 12 1/2  
Sun Co. Ltd. 5 1/2  
Kowloon Bank 10 1/2  
Wing On (H.K.) 13 1/2  
Wm. Powell, Ltd. 12 1/2  
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China Entertainment (7) 6 1/2, (8) 5 1/2  
H.K. Construction 4 1/2  
Vibros (X. H.K.) 9 1/2, (Right) 4 1/2  
Marsman Investments 15 1/2  
Marsman (H.K.) 1 1/2  
COTTON:  
Esso 20  
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Consolidated Rubbers 3 1/2  
Kuta Rubber 2 1/2  
Pulaka Rubber 1 1/2  
Rubber Trusts 4 1/2  
Samangan Rubber 1 1/2  
Shanghai Rubber 2 1/2  
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The funds would be used by the Army occupation authorities to buy cotton and wool in this country. After it was manufactured into finished products in Japan and Germany, and these were sold, the purchase loans would be repaid.

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## Revolving Fund For Japan

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A bill for a \$150 million revolving fund to finance purchases of American cotton, wool and other fibres for processing in Japan, Germany and other occupied areas today awaited President Truman's signature after a rapid passage through the Senate.

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## YORKSHIRE IN A HANDY POSITION AGAINST AUSTRALIA

Sheffield, June 21.  
Yorkshire, continuing their first innings today in their match against the Australian cricket tourists, whom they dismissed for 249 runs on Saturday, compiled 107 runs for three wickets at lunch time today. Light overnight rain continued until within two hours of the start of today's play but apart from making the wicket soft, it did not affect play, which began to time.

## HK FARE BADLY AGAIN

Singapore, June 21.  
The Combined Services gained a first innings lead of 111 runs in a two-day match against Hong Kong, which began in Singapore today.

Little was top scorer for Hong Kong with 21 runs out of their first innings total of 72. Flight-Lieutenant Kenyon took five wickets for 22 runs. The Combined Services replied with 190. Squadron-Leader Leggett made 58 and Flying-Officer Senior 45. Stepto took five wickets for 39 runs. —Reuter.

## DEEP BAY ROBBER SENTENCED

Sentence of six years' hard labour and 12 strokes of the cane was passed by Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Puisne Judge) on Ngo Lai-san alias Chan Fai, who was yesterday found guilty at the Criminal Sessions on a charge of robbery.

Mr. A. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det-Insp. D. H. Taylor, conducted the case for the prosecution. Opening the Crown's case, Mr. Lonsdale said that a robbery took place in Deep Bay in January this year. Two boats, proceeding from British to Chinese territory and while in British waters, were intercepted by a third boat which contained a number of men.

Two of the men from this third boat with the boat on which the robbery which formed the subject of the charge took place. One of these men was armed. The cargo on this boat consisted of a sack of cigarettes which was being smuggled into Chinese territory.

**Not Against The Law**  
Mr. Lonsdale said that smuggling out of Hong Kong was not against the law here, but against the law of China. When the two men had taken the cigarettes to their own boat, they ordered the boat from which these cigarettes had been taken to proceed on its way. The matter was not reported to the Police, as the boatmaster, not having lost anything himself, had no further interest in the robbery. A further reason for his not making any report was that he believed that considerable time would be taken up by the Police in making enquiries.

## ENGLAND'S TEAM FOR NEXT TEST

London, June 20.  
England's team to play Australia in the second cricket Test beginning at Lords on June 24 will be chosen from the following thirteen: N. Yardley (Yorkshire) captain; W. Edrich (Middlesex); D. Compton (Middlesex); J. Hardstaff (Nottinghamshire); L. Hutton (Yorkshire); C. Washbrook (Lancashire); H. Dollery (Warwickshire); Alec Bedser (Surrey); D. Wright (Kent); J. Laker (Surrey); J. Young (Middlesex) and A. Coxon (Yorkshire).

The selectors are satisfied to leave the bulk of the team alone. Only Barnett of the 12 originally chosen for the first Test has been omitted. R. Simpson, the Nottinghamshire amateur, who was nominated 12th man for the Trent Bridge game, is also left out. Only Coxon has not played before for England. Dollery, the present Warwickshire captain, made his Test debut against South Africa in the first Test last summer.

Weakness in England's attack at Nottingham has no doubt influenced the Selection Committee in their choice of Coxon, who may well share the main fast bowling with Bedser, Edrich being employed in short spells. Coxon, who moves the ball either way, has been displaying the skill and form this season, and yesterday claimed four for 66 against the Australians at Sheffield. He has taken 32 wickets this summer in first-class matches and scored 303 runs, including 83 against Nottinghamshire last week.

Both the England and Australian teams will have not played at Lords on Wednesday. The final selection of England's team will depend on the state of the weather and pitch, but if Douglas Wright has no recurrence of the lumbago which prevented him from playing at Nottingham, a place is likely to be found for him. In that case, either Laker or Young may stand down. —Reuter.

## US Lines Director Dead

Word was received yesterday by the Hong Kong Office of the United States Lines Company of the death of Mr. Basil Harris on Friday last.

Mr. Harris was chairman of the board of directors of the United States Lines. He began his shipping career shortly after his graduation from Princeton University in 1912. He first joined the firm of North, Lilly & Company in 1919, and later, in partnership with the late Kermit Roosevelt and John M. Franklin, founded the Roosevelt Steamship Company.

**ON BOARD ILLEGALLY**  
For boarding the s.s. Kwaiyang without permission from the master, a rice merchant was brought before Mr. D. G. Cairns at the Marine Court yesterday. The broker, who had a similar offence previously, was fined \$100 or three weeks' imprisonment, while the others were fined \$100 or two weeks' imprisonment each. All defendants pleaded guilty. Sub-Inspector T. McCarthy prosecuted.

**WRONGLY WORDED**  
Claiming that the summons brought against his client Lo Tul, public car-driver, for obstruction was wrongly worded and did not come within Section 20 of the Traffic Regulations, Mr. A. S. C. Comber asked Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central yesterday for the summons to be dismissed. In dismissing the summons, Mr. d'Almeida ruled that fresh summons could be issued if the police so desired.



LOUISE BROUGH makes an overhead shot in her game against Britain's Mrs. Joan Dostock on the second day of the Wightman Cup play at Wimbledon on June 12. Miss Brough won 6-2, 4-6, 7-5, clinching the cup for America. —AP Photo.

## Record Crowd See Indian's Victory

New York, June 20.  
Cleveland's League-leading Indians won twice today from the Philadelphia Athletics before an all-time major league record crowd of 82,781 persons. Pitcher Bob Feller won his first victory since May 19 in the first game when Cleveland gained a 4-3 victory. Bob Lemon turned in a brilliant four hit shutout in the second game, which the Indians got 10-0.

Chicago took the first game of a double header 8-5 from the Washington Senators, lost the second game. Senators' pitcher Sid Hudson, knocked out of the box in his past nine starts, pitched his team to a 4-1 victory.

Three mighty home runs by Joe Mauer, including one with two men on base, gave the New York Yankees a double victory over St. Louis Browns, 4-2 and 6-2. The twin triumph put the Yankees in second place in the American League.

**Cards Boater**  
Successful eighth-inning home runs by Johnny Mize, Willard Marshall, and Sid Gordon, called the New York Giants to come from behind and beat the St. Louis Cardinals 6-4 in the second game of a double header in the National League. The Cardinals won the opener 7-2 from New York mainly on four batters by Terry Moore, Stan Musial and Enos Slaughter.

**COSTLY VISIT TO FRIEND**  
A visit to a friend on board the s.s. Kwaiyang on June 20 proved costly to 23-year-old Chang Lee, unemployed. Charged with boarding the vessel without permission from the master, the youth was fined \$100 or two weeks' imprisonment by Mr. D. G. Cairns at the Marine Court yesterday. Defendant, pleading guilty, told the Court that he was only visiting his friend who was going to Swatow.

## PARKER FAVOURED TO TAKE KRAMER'S PLACE

London, June 21.  
Wimbledon, the greatest annual international sporting event of the world, opens today, and, with leading tennis players from about 35 nations competing, the championships promise to be the most open in years.

There is no outstanding personality, such as a Kramer or a Budge, to dominate the scene in the men's singles. Instead, we find many well matched players, all with a good chance of carrying off the coveted title. Naturally, Frank Parker, the American ace, will start favourite on the strength of his French and Belgian victories, but at 33, he is not quite the Parker of a few years ago. He is still one of the most consistent of players—in fact, he has machine-like precision—but several of his shots which do end in the net would never have come from a Parker racket in days gone by. Furthermore, a tendency not to chase some of the more difficult shots has been evident in his recent play.

Nevertheless, many competent observers think that the man who beats Parker will win the title. In fact, it is quite within his power to capture the "triple crown" (French, Wimbledon and United States championships) this year in which event it would not surprise many to see him cash in on his prowess by joining the professional ranks.

**The Opposition**  
Who will provide the most opposition to Parker at Wimbledon? One could choose half a dozen and still be wide of the mark. The United States will have a formidable quartet backing up up Parker in Tom Brown, last year's runner-up, Gildner Muller, Budge Patty and Bob Falkenburg.

Europe can offer a strong challenge in the Czech left-hander Jaroslav Drobny and Joseph Asboth, the Hungarian champion. John Bromwich, the ambidextrous Australian star, free from Davis Cup duties, is playing at Wimbledon and must have an exceptionally good chance, while the South African champion, Eric Sturgess, by adding just a little more severity to his sound stroke equipment, could spring a surprise. —Reuter.

## Kramer Is World's Best

Forest Hills, June 21.  
Jack Kramer of Los Angeles established himself firmly as the world's greatest tennis player yesterday by defeating Bobby Riggs as United States national professional champion. Kramer made a sweep of major amateur honours last year. He defeated titleholder Riggs 14-12, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3. Earlier this year Kramer had defeated Riggs in 60 of 80 matches during a cross-country tour.

Kramer was also crowned the doubles champion when he and Francisco Pancho Segura of Ecuador rallied to take three straight sets and win 4-6, 5-7, 6-2, 7-5, 8-6 over Riggs and Donald Budge.

**LOUIS, WALCOTT HAVE THEIR FINAL WORKOUT**  
Pompton Lakes, New Jersey, June 20.  
A turnaway crowd of some 5,000 fans in carnival mood watched heavyweight Joe Louis go four routine rounds today in his next to last workout before Wednesday night's return title fight with Jersey Joe Walcott.

After the drill, the Brown Bomber weighed 214 pounds. If the big crowd, which turned out the training quarters into a miniature circus grounds, had expected to see the champ flash his old dynamite, they were disappointed. The Bomber was concentrating on sharpening his left jab this impressive session. Once or twice he let loose with the body punishment that he showed on Wednesday last, but he obviously was not putting on any show. When he got in there with Tiger Roy Taylor, the clever boxer, whose style is similar to Walcott's, he never was able to catch him.

## Clothes As Girls' Bait Alleged

Plenty of easily-earned money, beautiful clothes and shoes, and a permanent wave were allegedly the temptations offered to two young girls by Ng Ng-koo, 52-year-old widow, at 132 Fuk Wah Street, second floor.

Ng (defended by Mr. C. A. Sutherland) was jointly charged with Wong Ping-mui (62) widow, with harbouring the two girls and doing so with the intention of disposing of them as prostitutes. On the application of Det. Sub-Inspector E. G. Baker the charge of unlawful detention of the elder girl (aged 14) was withdrawn and accused discharged.

In evidence, the younger girl (12) said that she met the elder one on May 11 and was taken to Wong's unnumbered hut at Chatham Road. (She was then taken by the girl to an alleyway behind the Alhambra Theatre where they again met Wong.

Wong, she alleged, suggested that they both go to Ng Koo's house. There they were asked by Ng to stay with her. On the following morning when the witness went to Ng's place she was brought to 132 Fuk Wah Street, second floor, and with the second girl, kept there for three days.

Ng, alleged witness, suggested that the two girls could make their living as "chickens" (prostitutes). They would have plenty of money, beautiful clothes and shoes, and permanent waves.

During their stay in the flat, said witness, a number of men and women went to the house and stayed there temporarily. They usually paid money to Ng, said witness. In reply to Mr. Russ, witness denied that they had been told to leave by Ng. Hearing was adjourned to the afternoon of June 25.

## Japanese Admiral Convicted

The No. 1 Australian War Crimes Court yesterday convicted Admiral Tahara Suzumu and 15 of his associates, who are charged with inhuman treatment of 500 Allied POWs in Hainan Island. During yesterday's session, the Court studied affidavits produced by the defence. The Court adjourned until today to hear pleas of mitigation by the defence, after which the Court is expected to detail the sentences.

Another war crimes trial will be heard by a three-man tribunal on Wednesday morning. The accused, Yamashita Tetsuo, a petty officer in the Imperial Japanese Navy, is charged with ill-treating New Zealand prisoners on the high seas aboard the "Samuki Maru" in June, 1944.

## Everett Executive Visiting

Visiting the Colony for a few days on the first stopover of an extensive Oriental tour is Mr. Edward Danks, Vice-President and Treasurer of the Everett Steamship Company.

Mr. Danks, an old Hong Kong resident, arrived here by plane from Manila last Saturday and intends to fly by Pan-American Airways to Shanghai tomorrow. From there he will visit the northern Chinese ports, including Tientsin, then go on to Korea and Japan.

The colony has regained already its pre-war importance, the penal shipping magnate told the "China Mail." It was only a matter of brushing away the rubbish, as the foundation on which Hong Kong had been built as a port city had been well and firmly established.

The Britons have always been good colonisers and once they set about it they will do it well," Mr. Danks said. He said the rapid rehabilitation was as expected by local authorities and he was not at all surprised to see the colony "upgraded and organised" as it is today.

The introduction of radio telephones to commercial marine craft "is a very good idea," Mr. Danks said, approvingly. "We may install the modern equipment, if necessary, in our launches and tugs."

Mr. Danks agreed that it would revolutionize commercial shipping organisation and efficiency tremendously with the introduction of RT.

The Everett Company, Mr. Danks stated, "is striving very rapidly in its programme to give out the best service."

## KAMALA CIRCUS IN TOWN

The Kamala Circus, one of the largest ever to visit the Colony and the first since the Liberation, arrived yesterday from Bangkok by the s.s. Mui Lee on the third lap of its Far Eastern tour. Arrangements for a two-month stay have been made on the vacant ground at the junction of Nathan Road and Salisbury Road, opposite the Peninsula Hotel.

The show will open on Thursday night, weather permitting. The 1,000,000-rupee Indian enterprise includes 100 articles of different nationalities, five elephants, four black bears, two tigers, a leopard, three lions and 20 gibbons and monkeys. Total weight of the materials alone amounts to 70 tons.

"We were at sea for nearly 12 days and have suffered food shortages," Mr. C. B. Lonn, manager, told the "China Mail." "The last day before we reached port here was the worst of the trip. But for some grain which the ship officials kindly offered us, the animals would have starved."

The circus will have a bell tent of 300-foot diameter and accommodation will be provided in five classes for some 15,000 people.

Among the highlights in the programme are a Motor Cycle Ride in the Death Cage, the Flying Trapeze and the Island Cycles. The animals, well-trained and tamed, will also be featured.

The troupe will visit Canton and Macau before returning to the mainland, before going on to Manila, Australia, Japan and Burma. Some time in 1951 it will start its first Western tour. The original name of the circus, Mr. Lonn said, was the "Maharajah's Circus," comprising only women. It was established in 1915.

**COXSAIN FINED \$30**  
A coxswain of S/L Hip Wo appeared before Mr. D. G. Cairns at the Marine Court yesterday, charged with towing more than the two vessels permitted. Lung Shiu-sun was arrested on June 11 at the Southern Entrance of the Xaumat Typhoon Shelter for towing three vessels of over 600 piculs. Defendant was fined \$20 or six days' imprisonment.

They body of an unidentified Chinese man, aged about 38, was found hanging by a straw rope from a tree about half a mile from Tung Yuen Village, Tai Po, yesterday afternoon. It was reported that the man had been shot.